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Lyell in the firing line

Cabinet ready for Scott Report is the last mg problem from the Thatcher legacy as he enters the election campaign. For Labour it is a chance to hammer Tony Blair's new theme "you're not safe with the Tories," which sacrifice

Richard Norton-Taylor and Michael White

Nicholas Lyell, in order to cling on to William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in the expectation of damning criticism in the long-awaited Scott Report on the arms-to-lrag scandel.

Mr Waldegrave yesterday protested his innocence following further leaks of Sir Richard Scott's draft report accusing him of misleading Parliament over the sale of arms to Irsq. "If I'm fired then I'm fired. But I know in my heart I have not done anything wrong." he told the Guardian.

As Labour warned against a damage limitation exercise designed to let ministers off "scott-free" it was increas-ingly clear that Sir Richard's report — due on ministers' desks on Wednesday — will leave Sir Nicholas particu-





larly exposed on the most politically sensitive charge." Reports yesterday high-lighted Mr Waldegrave's vul-nerability as a foreign office minister in the late 1980s when arms sale policy towards Iraq was changed without Parliament's being

Sir Richard is likely to confirm this, although the final report is likely to have toned

down the criticism. Sir Nicholas is widely seen in Whitehall as the man most likely to have to go in the light of his role in the 1992 prosecution of three directors of the Matrix Churchill machine tool company. Had the trial not collapsed it could have led to the businessmen being wrongfully imprisoned. Mr Waldegrave has spent months trying to persuade Sir Richard that his draft account

after reading the draft.

For Mr Major the Scott
Report is the last big problem will feature in debates on crime, health and rail privati-sation this week.

servants — who are also likely to be criticised in what indictment of Whitehall — are anxiously waiting to get

sure Sir Nicholas's survival. In his capacity as the Govern-ment's chief law officer he ad-

passed on to the prosecution. Mr Heseltine later told Sir Nicholas that "no rational person could say the docu-ments should not be disclosed".

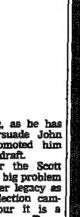
bility" for the Treasury Solic-itors' Department, which is expecting fierce criticism of the way it handled the

reported extracts of Sir Richard's draft report. They were revived prominently in yes-terday's Sunday Times. The extracts allegedly reveal that Mr Waldegrave had been in a position to know "first hand" that he had made "untrue" public statements by saying the Government had not changed its policy on arms

edly insisted that he believes the account given in the draft report was "not accurate" and that he did not deliber-

the inquiry's secretary, yes-terday pointedly referred to "old draft extracts," a clear hint that Sir Richard has

done some re-writing.
Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Robin Cook, stepped up pressure on the Government not simply to use Sir Nicholas as a scapegoat. In a direct challenge over Mr Waldegrave's posi-tion he said: "If Sir Richard Scott finds the Government guilty of changing the [export] guidelines in secret then somebody must carry the can. We cannot have an outcome of the report in which the Government is found guilty but ministers get off scott-



Ministers and senior civil promises to be a devastating

report which has been over three years in the making. prepare a defence before the report is published on Febru-ary 15. But key players have reluctantly concluded that this may not be enough to en-

vised ministers including Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Rifkind, and Michael Heseltine that they had a duty to sign Public Interest Immunity (PII) certificates which, if upheld by the trial judge, would have suppressed evi-dence crucial to the defence. Sir Richard is expected to point to concerns expressed to the Attorney-General by Mr Heseltine which were not

Sir Nicholas also concede to the Scott inquiry he had "overall ministerial responsi-

prosecution.

Mr Waldegrave was sharply attacked last year in widely

sales to Iraq. Mr Waldegrave has repeatately mislead MPs.

Christopher Muttukumaru,

faith classes. Mohamed Mukadam, the parent governor who pro-posed the single-faith classes, said governors voted for it pleased if this has the backing



Open-air mass . . . Bosnian Catholics from opposite sides of the conflict gather in a gutted church on the confrontation line in the Sarajevo suburb of Stup yesterday. The church, which was burned down in 1992; was able to hold its first mass in more than three years

Fraud inquiry clouds rail's big day

Company misses out as private commercial director. Colin ing an internal audit carried Andrews, has resigned and an out by BR on behalf of the passenger train services start

Keith Harper Transport Editor

night concealed their embarrass-ment over the latest setback to their rail privatisation plans by predicting that the ticket fraud inquiry involving LTS Rail would clear the company within a

vate passenger train services running for the first time in

In the event, only South Western Trains, owned by Stagecoach, and Great West-ern Trains were allowed to INISTERS last night concealed operate services. LTS's take-over of the London, Tilbury and Southend line was halted when the ticket allegations came to light.

It is claimed that London Revelations about the Transport has been defrauded inquiry clouded a day which of up to £45,000 in revenue

investigation is being held by British Rall and the rail regu-lator, John Swift. The apparent irregularities were described by the franchise di-rector. Roger Salmon, as "extremely serious". The LTS op-

eration is still being handled

The Transport Secretary The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, appeared unperturbed at the setback. Sitting with his wife on the first privatised service from were detected quickly.

putative Association of Train Operating Companies, representing the 25 private

Sir George said this suggested that the revenue system was adequate to pick up any problems, but he was ask-ing the companies to have a "fresh look at this issue and see whether there are any lessons to be learned".

Criminal prosecutions may result from the inquiry, but Twickenham to Waterloo, he said he was pleased that the "apparent irregularities" the franchise operations the franchise operations

This was confirmed by rail | three franchises operating, management sources who said the alleged fraud had only been discovered last

Sir George said: "This is a momentous day for the railways and I hope that in years to come people will look back on today as a turning point the point at which the renaissance of the railways began." have liked to have seen all | Letters, page 8

They've both got

three and on a date earlier than planned". He said the Government would press shead with the remaining 22 franchises. Brian Wilson, Labour's

transport spokesman, said he had written to the Director of turn to page 2. column 4

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School launches Firewoman dies Islam-only RE

Alex Belles

HE controversy over religious education in the Muslim community deepened yesterday when it emerged that a Birmingham school had gone against gov-ernment guidelines and introduced single faith RE les Birchfield Primary School, in Aston, is believed to be the first in the country to abandon national curriculum rules that children be taught about other faiths before they

reach secondary age. Since January it has offered RE lessons from an Islamic perspective as well as from the usual multi-denominational viewpoint. Parents of almost all Muslim popils - 70 per cent of the 700-strong school - chose the single-

The move shows growing discontent with the teaching of comparative religion, which caused the withdrawal pupils from RE lessons in

Mohamed Mukadam: 'Teach children their own faiths' cation authority was told and approved it, he added. "In the primary sector let us teach children their own

faiths. In the secondary sector we can make them aware of other religions," he said. Ann Underwood, leader of the Conservative group on Birmingham council, said she last month of 1,500 Muslim was unaware the education pupils from RE lessons in committee had approved the move. "It is absolutely vital that we teach all children to

in burning store

Owen Bowcott

EARS are growing over safety in the fire service after a woman fire-fighter died tackling a blaze in a Bristol superstore

yesterday.
Fleur Lombard, aged 21 and single, was the first woman firefighter killed in Britain. She was also the third fire fighter to die in the space of three days: two part-time firemen were killed last week trying to rescue a child from a since 1990. Last Friday house in Gwent.

against job cuts which union leaders fear will endanger staff further.

The fire which claimed Ms Lombard's life is thought to have begun at a counter selling crisps at Leo's super-Staple Hill, in the north of Bristol.

Ms Lombard, who became one of Avon's first women firefighters 18 months ago, went inside the building with breathing apparatus. Part of the roof, made of asbestos ce-

They were pulled out of the blaze and Ms Lombard could was only slightly injured. Nearly 100 firetighters with 10 fire engines fought for three hours to bring the flames

under control. Councillor Terry Walker chairman of the local fire au-thority, said yesterday he was "deeply shocked" by the death, the first in the Avon fire service for 16 years.

Stephen Griffin, aged 42, and The deaths come against Kevin Lane, aged 32, were the background of a campaign killed in a burning home in Blaina, Gwent.

Mike Fordham, deputy general secretary of the Fire Bri-gades Union, said accidents had increased sharply because of cuts in training and in the number of stations. "Part-time firefighters are

now only training for two hours a week. We need more funding for training and better equipment," he said.

The Home Office acknowledges that fire authorities want more funds, but defends the overall funding increase ment sheets, is believed to of 1.5 per cent in 19967 as have collapsed, striking her and a fireman beside her. nomic climate.

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mously. The local edu- of the LEA," she said.

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Moscow sketch

Spy who went into the cold

"Of course, we understand

ust wasn't interesting." Andrei, a computer student

In perfect English, he ex-

lained his reasons for com-

ing. "A long time ago we saw a

And? "I think it's interesting," he said, "but now it's more . . . mordobitiye" — a

peasant expression meaning "that which beats a dumb ani-

nice suit and all the Russians

were in military uniform." Andrei said: "The people in that so civilised West will get the impression we're wild

ears from the north pole." The weekly Moscow News

"banality of dialogue and situ-ation sets one's teeth on edge."

(Unlike most Western produc-tions on the Russian market,

voiced-over by a lone man apparently struggling with a terrible hangover, Goldeneye

is excellently dubbed - no

But in a four-page, full-colour spread, the clite weekly

way of life. And he is not fighting against the USSR, the KGB

or socialism. He has only one aim: the preservation of the

Red spells go, page 6

Ramoneworld is so de-

tached from the real world

that it is odd they want to quit. Having decided, however,

they are going in some style. The gig had "event" writ large, with touts getting £35 a ticket and a T-shirt queue

longer than any I've seen. Just

before the show began, their

USA Official Seal backdrop portentously descended, and

with it a sense that a link to

the past was being cut. Strangely, the men on stage

evinced no such sentimental-

ity. Going by their closed-up faces, this could have been just

another of the 2,203 gigs they've played since 1974. So if Joey's voice was even more

adenoidedly deadpan than usual on I Wanna Be Sedated.

times than a sane man should.

Luckily, the simplicity of Ramones' songs means it is

nearly impossible to mess them up. Observing them

it was excusable on the grounds he'd sung it more

Back in the USA

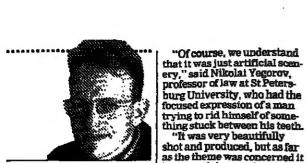
. . . for good

business magazine Commersant said: "Fleming's hero... is not fighting for democracy, for capitalism, for the Western

cuse there.)

said of the film that the

mal about the face' His companion Yulia com-plained: "James Bond had a



James Meek

from Moscow State Universi-ty, was amused by Golden-■ E TURNED from the eye's leaden attempts to woo the net nerd market. howling Russian winter outside and walked towards his visitor. His footsteps echoed on the flagstones. There was no hint of a smile in lot of films about James Bond with Sean Connery, Timothy Dalton, Roger Moore. I just wanted to find out whether his eyes, grey as Siberlan grar ite, or on his face, etched with the killings he had witne So many murders. So many spies. And now, at last, he had the same traditions - no sex just kisses, the same image of James Bond."

James Bond at his mercy.
"Tm the projectionist," he said at the Rossiya cinema, where the Moscow première of Goldeneye was shown. "God knows how many times I've

dren, basically In the West, James Bond only lives twice — once on the big screen and once on video. But, as the Georgian assassin warns Pierce Brosnan in Goldeneye: "Much has changed in Russia since last you were there, Mr Bond." A local video firm has had a licence to kill the cinema trade

by churning out copies of the movie even before it opened. Hence there were no queue at the Rossiya. Only Q and his exploding ballpoint, which raised a rare titter among the audience of slightly more than

The other big laugh was the appearance or a success
bearded civilian as the Russian minister of defence, Mish kin. If minor villains were all Scottish actors, your Musco-vite punter might ask, why not Gregor Fisher in a gener-al's uniform as something a bit closer to the real thing?

It goes without saying that Voiodya liked the tank scene Who could object to the beau-tifully choreographed chase as St Petersburg was trashed?

Caroline Sullivan

HERE'S a ravens-leav-

ing-the-Tower quality about the demise of the

Ramones, who did their final

British gig on Saturday. The

New York foursome have been

thrashing out the same tune

retirement, it had seemed as it

Arguably, punk might never had happened had it not

been for Ma Ramone's sons,

who parlayed their taste for

horror comics, game shows.

and simplistic garage rock into the prototypical punk

musty leather, frayed jeans

and hurtling two-chord songs

Numbers like Teenage Lobot-

omy asserted their right to be

moronic, though the irony by-

ssed many of the groups

But music progressed, the Morones didn't. They're equally immune to the physi-

cal ravages of time - or so it

looked from the middle of an

overflowing Academy, if Joey Johnny, Marky, and CJ have

their bushels of lank hair. It's

aced at all, it's hidden unde

especially hard to tell with

never been seen without his

purple sunglasses.

RAC

which copied them.

that lasted all of two minutes

a year, as did their attitude

band. Their invention

they would go on for at least

(singular) for 22 years and, until they announced their

Brixton Academy

Review

'SOS' letter to Commonwealth tells of inhumane conditions endured by Saro-Wiwa counterparts

Jailed Ogonis plead for help

facing trial and the edly participating in the same murders for which Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other men were hanged in November have smuggled a letter out of

The appeal, headed "SOS" and signed by all 19 men, is addressed to a Commonwealth ministerial delegation ap-pointed to urge Nigeria's mili-tary regime to restore democ-

you all, through your offices and humaneness, come our lives - cause our freedom, for we have suffered a lot," says the letter, handwritten on a page torn from an exercise book.

The Ogoni 19 are held in harsh conditions at Port Harcourt prison. They are split hetween severely over-crowded cells, each with dozens of inmates and two buckets — one for urine, the other for faeces. All sleep on the floor. They are let out for a few minutes each morning to wash from a bucket in a neighbouring field. Exercise is on Wednesdays. Family vis-

disease are common among the prison population. lack of medical care. As a result we are becoming malnourished and anaemic These conditions have con-tributed to the death of one of

us," the letter said. Clement Tusima died last August from untreated diabetes, according to Amnesty In-ternational. The mechanic, aged 40, was taken briefly to hospital and chained to the bed, but he was returned to prison where he died.

"We are hereby calling on more frequent if bribes are been dumped into detention without any hope of a fair dumped humaneness, come Payment is also expected irral, thus causing our famships. Most of us have lost our obs as a result, while many have also lost one dear rela tion or the other due to hun

> Copies of the letter are ex reek to the committee of for eign ministers from Ghana, Jamaica, Malaysia, New Zea-land and Zimbabwe formed after Saro-Wiwa's execution in November prompted Nige-ria's suspension from the Commonwealth. The delegalast month, but its mission is

to death nearly two years ago. Most have been in detention aince May 1994, but they have not been told when hearings will begin before the same quasi-military tribunal that ent Saro-Wiwa and eight

The trial had been expec to start last month but a high court judge deferred it at least until mid-February pending a challenge to the legality of tribunals that bypass civil

courts and appeals.

The government has appointed legal aid lawyers to represent the Ogonis. But supporters say human rights

The 19 Ogonis are accused for the men free of charge of joining a mob which beat Yet, in written answers to Yet, in written answers to questions snuggled into the prison, the Ogonis say that after the Saro-Wiwa trial and swift execution, they have little hope of a just hearing

"We will most prohably be convicted because the chairbance tribunal said the case there is more to it than meets the eye. The government is settling an old score."

Lewyers say the men's best hope, albeit a slim one, is that tion while it is seeking to rebuild bridges, and will put

Dodgy start to privatisation on Waterloo line

Keith Harper finds one passenger unimpressed by the

new commercial era of rail travel Britain's first priva-Vigilant staff discovered nim at Waterloo early yes terday trying to slip

through the barrier with-out a ticket. At any other time he might have succeeded. But fatally he chose Waterloo train on which eight other passengers, the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, and the media, had crowded into one carriage of an eight coach train to celebrate the

The unnamed man coarded at Clapham but fell into the arms of an impressive row of gold braid and official hats waiting at Waterloo for Sir George to arrive on platform 7. He was immediately issued with a £10 fine and given 21 days to pay. "It may be a special occasion but we've

got a job to do," volun-teered one of the peak caps. A vigorous debate among rail folk on the 5.10 had preceded the departure. the first privatised service? British Rail's official handover to the private sec-tor took place at 2am. A strong challenge was mounted by the 1.50am

Fishguard to Paddington It commenced its extraordinary journey as a bus to Cardiff because of the inevitable engineering works snarling up Sunday rail travel. Brusquely, the Iwickenham party gave the Fishguard service the thumbs down. It clearly breached the 2am rule by starting out too early — be

sides, Sir George had sent his No 3, John Watts, to cover the other event. Twickenham station pened at 4.30am. John Bird, a member of the Branch Line Society, from Faringdon, Oxfordshire, was the first person to buy a ticket. Sir George signed it. "I do hope rail privatisa-

churning through some 30 songs in 90 minutes made one tion works, but who can tell?" asked Mr Bird. Of the anorak brigade there was little evidence. thing clear: if you've got a dogged enough drummer and a stupidly compelling chorus, The nearest person to fit the rest takes care of itself.
Joey hardly needed to sing;
the beer-laden, serial earrings "kids" shouted every the description was Philip Bedford, clad in green. He boarded the train pushing a bike, en route for Clacton. word back at him. Thus it went on and on, from Pinhead He described himself as a part-time newspaper deliv-erer from East Sheen. He confessed he was not a rail through Pet Sematery. "Adios amigos" Joey said untearfully as they exited.
Farewell, then, Ramones, nthusiast and agreed Clacton was a very unusual place to visit at this time of and thanks for 20 years of inspired idiocy. Missing you the year. "I'm going for the pebbles and the cheap video already. Looking forward to a

games." he declared.



Bicycling baronet Sir George Young meets bicycling newspaper deliverer Philip Bedford, one of the first privatised passengers — PHOTOGRAPH: STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Rail countdown

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- 4 Feb: First two franchises to South West Trains and Great Western running yesterday. London, Tilbury and Southend line suspended for traud inquire
- nmee: Final bids invited for next four franchis Gatwick Express, InterCity East Coast, Midland Main Line and Network South Central. Up and running by late summer.
- Summer: Bids invited for a further two franchises, South East? Trains and Chiltern
- Next years Prequalification process under way for another two franchises. South Wales and West, and Cardiff to be operating by the beginning of next year.
- April '97: The remaining 13 tranchises, including the West Coast Main line from London to Glasgow to be sold off before



Fraud inquiry clouds big day for railways

continued from page 1 Public Prosecutions to see if

criminal charges could be brought.
"The Government cannot suggest this is a temporary hiccup. Enterprise Rail, which runs LTS, has a corpo-

rate responsibility for this matter He added: "Not even the Tories could hand over a rail

franchise to a company which is under a cloud of allegations of systematic fraud against

another operator. London quickly. It was brought to Underground. This goes to public attention. Decisions the heart of rail privatisation. In a fragmented railway, every company will have a vested interest in maximising its own revenue by fair means or foul without regard to the

passengers."
The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, played down the setback, saying it showed how sophisticated the system of internal controls was "It was discovered very

were properly taken and the in a proper and orderly way.
"That is a triumph for the system — that it detected what could be an irregularity," he told BBC1's Breakfast With Frost.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats will attempt to embarrass ministers further in a Commons debate on Wednesday.

How alleged scam worked

HE alleged scam to de-fraud London Underground revolves around "all train operating companies writes Keith Horper. The tickets were issued

from Fenchurch Street station for use on the London, Tilbury and Southend line. As the dominant user of this station LTS takes 78 per cent of ticket revenue and London Underground 22 per cent.

But the tickets were not in fact sold at Fenchurch Street. They were transferred to Up-minster, where LTS also shares operations with LU. and sold there. At Upminster, LU takes 48 per cent of the

It is believed LU lost out on £45,000 over six weeks, with LTS benefiting from the bigher proportion of the reve-nue from Fenchurch Street

The tickets do not bear any station name, and the discrepency was discovered in a random internal audit carried out by BR on behalf of the Assocition of Train Operating

Companies. Railway sources said last night that it could happen in other parts of the network, but the system would always ex-pose fraudulent behaviour. One other incident has already been discovered by the association, but this was not fraud. It involved particular marketing of tickets by one of its members.

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Greece wins back priceless piece of history

One success is reviving claims on 'Elgin's loot', writes **Helena Smith** in Athens

renew its campaign to retrieve the Elgin Marbles, after successfully having a hoard of priceless Mycenaean treasures repatriated from the

This small piece of Greek history arrived back last night, after years of "blood curdling" adventure, accord-ing to Greece's new culture minister, Stavros Benos.

This is a major triumph, not only for Greece, but for all countries seeking the return of cultural property," he said. Few Greeks have heard of but their return from Washington is to be marked today. No pomp will be spared as the

collection of rare and ancient gold jewellery and ornaments is welcomed in the capital. For, as Mr Bence, who has assumed the post most famously held by the late actress Melina Mercouri, presides over the fanfare, it will be

REECE is poised to | "Elgin's loot" that is upper- | most in his mind.

"The return of these wonderful pieces will most certainly strengthen our demand for the Parthenon marbles," Mr Benos told the Guardian. in his first interview with a British newspaper. 'It shows that Melina's dream, which everyone thought utopian. can be realised. We will get the marbles back from the British Museum."

Grey-haired and moustachiced, the mild-mannered Mr Benos has none of Mercouri's fiery passion or glam-our. But like his friend and the stolen Aidonia Treasures, predecessor, he has made the repairiation of the 247ft-long, fifth-century frieze, metopes and figures a personal

Aides said that, unlike his immediate predecessor, the composer Thanos Mikroutsi-kos, Mr Benos would not be cowed into submission by Virginia Bottomley saying "you naughty boy" every



mittee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles. "Even those who were op-

clude ornate rings, necklaces, glass beads and sealstones, ends nearly two decades of thlevery, crooked art deals and unprecedented legal

Plundered by grave robbers from a Bronze Age tomb in Aidonia, outside Corinth, the collection crossed at least two countries and several hands before being spotted in a New York art gallery. In 1998, Greece filed a law sutt in a US federal court claiming the antionities as its own.

We spent an enormous amount of money - more than we could afford dug illegally from a tomb that was built between 1600 and

The minister, who is likely to file another official request over," said Elemi Cubitt of the London-based British Com-issue with London "peaceissue with London "peace fully and through dialogue" Since Mercouri launched the quest for the "exiled monniposed to their return now ments" 15 years ago, the Brit-realise the arguments they ish Museum has refused even used are no longer valid."

The repatriation of the Mycenaean Treasures, which ingates to other demands".

But as Athens this month signs a contract with Italian designers to build the long-swaited Acropolis Museum, Greek officials say the time is

ripe to strike again. The prime minister, Costas Simitis, has made the construction of the 30-billion drachma mu-seum, funded by the European Union, a public works When it is built the British will no longer be able to say

that we have nowhere to put them," snapped Mr Benos. "It will be the death of their last real argument."
Greek optimism has been further raised by the Labour

Party's support for the return of the marbles. Labour MPs wishing to reopen the debate are expected to feature prominently in a Channel 4 docu- aircraft collection, moved mentary on the subject later to Poland during the war. this spring.

Lost treasures

Destiny, probably Celtic, stolen from Scots by English in 1296, now in coronation chair. Isle of Lewis mediaeval ivory chessmen, upturned in 1831 by crofter's cow, now in London and Edinburgh.

Hottentot Venus, pickled freak in Paris last century, kept at Musée de l'Homme. Xhosa shrunken heads. five warriors killed by British last century, in

Wanted back by Germany.

Natural History Museum, London, Ditto, Hermann Goering's

Straw rules out packing the Lords

Patrick Wintour and Michael White

ABOUR will today promise not to abuse its powers of patronage by packing the House of Lords with supporters to guarantee a majority for its constitutional reforms including abolition of the voting rights of hereditary peers.
The shadow home secre-

tary, Jack Straw, makes the commitment in an interview with the Guardian. On With the Guardian. On Wednesday Tony Blair will give a speech to help popularise his constitutional agenda. Labour believes fundamental changes — such as Lords reform, a bill of rights, Scots and Welsh devolution and more open government — are necessary to reverse public cynicism about politics, which usually works to the advantage of the Conserva-

tives.
"We are acutely aware of the need to change not just what government does, but what government does, but also the way it does it," Mr Straw says. "That means creating consensus for our reform of the Lords, and the need to be free of the charge that we are packing the Chamber, or abusing our

party power."

Mr Straw offers a comprominded peers on both sides. A "one-clause bill" would abolish the rights of hereditary peers to sit in the Lords, but some active hereditary peers would stay on as life peers. Labour would also be content to see no overall political control in the Lords, leaving the largest group, 140. Conserva-tives with the balance of power left with the 100-plus crossbench (non-party) life peers. To give Labour an overall majority would require 200 life peers.

More than 300 Tory hereditary peers would go.

An independent body is likely to be consulted to help of left and right, including choose herditary peers to avoid charges of patronage. Figures for 1995 show the Tories had 140 life peers. Labour 99 and Liberal Demo-

Mr Blair is said to be determined to extend support for a constitutional shake-up from the so-called chattering classes, possibly by presenting it as a modern equivalent of the 1832 Great Reform Bill which launched Britain G2 Front; Jack Straw towards full democracy.

Paddy Ashdown has also used that phrase, but the Labour leader's commitment to a referendum on propor tional representation (PR). which he will repeat during the John Smith memorial lecture on Wednesday, falls short of his Liberal Democrat counterpart's demand that he

should come off the fence. Mr Blair is expected to call this week for maximum consultation on the issue, and the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, a supporter of PR, has had private talks with the Liberal Democrat Presi-dent, Robert Maclennan.

under the Labour plans for the Lords, the group of hereditary peers staying on would be picked from those with records of hard work, talent and service in the upper house. It would almost certainly include the present leader of the Lords, Lord

'We need to change not just what government does, but also the way it does it'

sat there for 400 years. In an other move to lesser

anger among influential peers. Mr Straw promised that it would not be part of Labour's strategy to stop hereditary peers using their historic titles, even if they were barred from the Lords. He likened the position to France where the post-revolutionary aristocracy still use

Mr Straw gave no commit-ment on the precise timing of reform of the Lords, pointing out that Labour's constitu-tional reform programme was a very crowded one. In the 1960s Labour's reform was blocked by a tactical alliance abolitionists like Michae Foot and supporters of the status quo like Enoch Powell. John Major and his minis ters believe that Labour's proposals are a classic example

of half-baked ideas, "a policy shambles" that will fall apart in a tough campaign, one cabinet minister predicted last

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Tory MP scoms Smears feared in Ashdown case **Howard plans**

Alan Travia Home Affairs Editor

■HE Home Secretary's constitutional clash with senior judges wors ened last night when one of his former ministers backed the judiciary against his plan for more US-style minimum

Yesterday's open criticism from senior backbencher Sir Peter Lloyd and earlier from Lord Hailsham, former Tory lord chancellor, suggests Michael Howard is unlikely to secure parliamentary approval before an election significant concessions.

Sir Peter, who was prisons minister until last year, said he was not convinced by Mr Howard's plan for "two strikes and you're out" mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists and serious vi-olent criminals.

He told BBC radio yester-ay: "I don't think we are talking about very large numbers and I don't think we need to go to something cumber-some like life sentences for the second offence." Instead he suggested a mechanism using judges and doctors to ensure that offenders who continued to pose a risk to the public were not released.

His intervention reinforced the warning from Lord Hailbusiness about mandatory Letters, page 8

cial discretion. The renewed attacks on Mr Howard from within the Con-

he remission system.

The Home Secretary said:

largest for a century.

He told Mr Howard to keep his nose out of matters which were properly ones for judi-

servative Party are the more damaging because he was hoping to launch a counterattack over the weekend de-

fending his proposals.
On Saturday at a private meeting of the Criminal Justice Consultative Council with senior judges, police offi-cers and crown prosecutors he heard warnings that his plans could add 10,000 to 20,000 prisoners to the jail population. The package includes new minimum sentences for burgiars and drug dealers and the abolition of

"I have not heard any arguments which have persuaded me my original proposals are

• The shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, yesterday wrote to the Prime Minister asking him to apologise for misleading the Commons again last Thursday when he withdrew his claim that crime was falling for the first time in 40 years. In the pro-cess he misleadingly claimed that the current 10 per cent fall over two years was the

IBERAL Democrats fear down, will become the object of a smear campaign when he appears as a prosecution witness in a court case

The MP, whose car was destroyed in a firebomb attack at his home in the Somerset village of Norton sub Hamdon early on Friday, is said to have been warned that allega-tions concerning a massage parlour close to Liberal Dem-ocrat headquarters in Yeovil

could be made in court.
Mr Ashdown, who has played a leading role in fight-ing racism in Yeovil, is ex-pected to be called as a witness in the case of a man alleged to have threatened him with a knife in the town

centre last November.
The hearing before Yeovil magistrates on Thursday and Friday is to decide whether the man, aged 51, who is charged with affray and possessing an offensive weapon, should face a jury trial.

proceedings. It is feared that ements antagonistic to Mr Ashdown's tough stand on-racism could seek to take ado blacken his reputation.

Two years ago, the City Girl creased racial intolerance. to blacken his reputation.

massage parlour was closed by the council because of planning irregularities. Its owner was later jailed for six months for living off immoral

earnings.
Three men, aged 18, 19, and 21, were arrested on Friday in a Yeovil suburb in connection down's H-registered Vauxhall Senator. They have been released on police bail pend-ing further investigations.

Somerset police say there is no evidence of a racial motive for the arson and an earlier incident in which Mr Ashsmashed with a stone.

Police protection for Mr Ashdown and his wife, Jane, and security measures at Liberal Democrat party offices in Yeovil are understood to have

viously resisted police cover, is thought to have agreed to the measures because of fears over his wife's security. It was disclosed last week that the arson followed anonymous telephone threats to the MP's home and London office.

Party officials and Mr Ash-down have refused to com-ment on the possible motive Witnesses can give evi-dence under oath and be ment on the possible motive cross-examined during the for the arson, or on reports that smears will be aimed at him during the court hearing. Yesterday he returned to the fight against racism by vantage of the court hearing calling for national racial

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The search for names, discreet but urgent, is already on. Former chief whip, Derek Foster, is looking at the structures of power and trawling for talent among MPs, regional officials and what remains of Labour's pre-1979 Great and Good Michael White on the New Labour Establishment

Rightwing hopeful faces tabloid storm over pornography as previous judgments (below) come back to haunt him



Adrian Rogers: claims he did not watch blue movie



John Lloyd: haunted by his South African past

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Edward Pilkington on battle for Exeter

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election, the bizarre political battle raging in Exeter,

Devon, must surely take the

Come the election the two

main parties will be slugging

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John Hannam, the retiring

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founder of the Conservative Family Campaign and an anti-pornography crusader, has admitted hosting a blue movie in front of 40 people in his front room.

Tory doc in blue film shock, said yesterday's News of the World, disclosing that the movie was shown in 1977 when Dr Rogers was a senior house officer in Exeter's main hospital. The film was brought to his home by an anaethetist and projected of just 3,045. Controversy appears to follow both candility. Adrian Rogers, aged 48, against his living room wall.

pher and hypocrite by claiming he did not watch the

working the lights. I was so embarrassed. I never sat there goggle-eyed."

The blue movie claim is the latest in a stream of controversies concerning the Tory candidate. He was recently revealed to have spent his schooldays in the company of

Yesterday Dr Rogers's at 500 girls — as the only male at tempted to play down accusations that he was a pornogrations that he was a pornographer and hypocrite by may have helped shape his ing people from behind the best chance of winning forthrightly anti-feminist

> headlines last week when Exeter police scrambled a stolen from his home. Over the weekend he courted further controversy by lambast-ing Cornwall health authority for planning to employ gay counsellors to advise men fre-

bushes or in toilets is not go-ing to do any good," he said. Senior Tory politicians are known to have issued warn-ings to the local Conservative

was a potential electoral liability.

But they went sheed and picked him as their candidate none the less. "We knew he was going to have a high pro-

the best chance of winning the seat," a spokesman for the association said.

Meanwhile, Mr Lloyd is delighted the spotlight has swung, temporarily perhaps, away from him and on to his opponent. "The really object tional thing about him is that Rogers admits to having had a moral weakness himself yet is intolerant of it in other

On former Tory minister. Tim Yeo, who had an Hlegitimate child: lmmoral politicians exhibit hypocrisy and dishonesty and are potentially untrustworthy. We need political leaders who know how to control their appetites

On single mothers: It is time for a bit more shame and

On woman MPs: A woman who wants to be an MP effectively ditches her husband and orphans her children. That's not a natural rightwing Tory inclination

On his old headmistress at Sutton High for Girls: She had presence. As the only boy I felt I had to stand up to her

On homosexuality: We care for homosexuals as people, because it is part of being a Christian, but we condemn totally what they do. It is a Godforsaken, disease-ridden occupation

Health chief on £13,000 course while staff jobs are at risk | Hunt starts for new editor to return the sheen to New Statesman

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ADECISION to spend course in France to improve the management skills of a health executive while her staff are facing redundancy came under fierce attack yesterday for being insensitive At the centre of the row was

tive of the Anglia and Oxford regional health authority who is attending a four-week course at a prestigious mangement school in Fontaine bleau, near Paris,

riating dog.

First to be embroiled in

scandal was the Labour can-

didate, John Lloyd, accused of failing to save the life of a fel-

low anti-apartheid cam-

paigner hanged for planting bomb in South Africa in 1964.

Now his opponent, the

rightwing Tory candidate, has been engulfed in a tabloid

storm that is likely to embar-rass his party and could sev-erely dent his moral credibil-

Mrs Stocking is a senior manager responsible for a substantial budget and that no comparable training course was available in Britain. Ian Barber, eastern region

money" to spend on one per-son. It was what an experienced NHS nurse would earn

Anne Campbell, Labour MP for Cambridge, whose party has attacked the Govern-The authority insists that ment's increased emphasis on management within the NHS. also deplored the expense. Last month, the Anglia and Oxford authority, which is in Barbara Stocking, aged 44. head of the health union, Uni-the £80,000-a-year chief execusion, yesterday said £13,000 agement structure from 450 to

130 posts, revealed that it had approved a £30,000 "fact finding tour of Australia for 14 top executives.

The foreign trips come at a time when regional health au-thorities face abolition and being absorbed in a new health service structure. Health authorities and NHS trusts in the region are being asked to make "efficiency savings" which involve

HE hunt for a new editor to revive the debt-laden New Statesman has begun in anticipation of its purchase this week by one of Labour's wealthiest MPs.

Geoffrey Robinson, who represents Coventry North West is expected to invest

lifelong socialist who made his money from the Fads DIY

have agreed to the sale.
Mr Robinson, aged 57, who ran Jaguar Cars in the 1970s. owns a Midlands engineering company. Married to an Ital-

the left-leaning publication.
The courts will ratify the arrival of the new proprietor to replace former majority shareholder. Philip Jeffrey, a Hargreaves, fomerly editor of the Labour move was founded in 1913 ney and Beatrice We circulation — now a circulation — now a condition of the Labour move was founded in 1913 ney and Beatrice We circulation — now a condition of the Labour move was founded in 1913 ney and Beatrice We continue to the Labour move was founded in 1913 new found Hargreaves, fomerly editor of reached 100,000 by mid-the Independent; Richard century. Stott, editor of the now de-funct Today, Martin Jacques, once of Marxism Today, and Francis Wheen, a Guardian

In line with previous pro-prietors, Mr Robinson has offer is accepted by the ad-ministrator appointed to sell mansion near Godalming, to regain political influence gagement with Labour."

was founded in 1913 by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, and

gested Mr Robinson's approach had so far been welcome. "His relationship with

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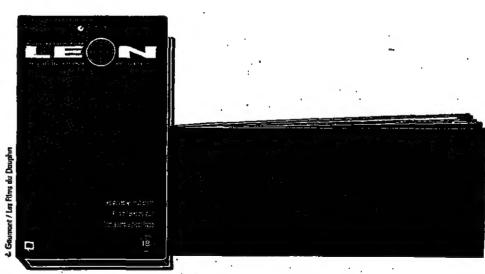
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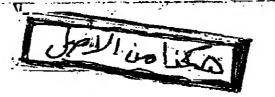


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Cathedral to host gay celebration

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OUTHWARK Cathedral has provoked a protest by offering to hold a service of thanksgiving for the 20th an-

General Synod grouping, promised a protest campaign over the unanimous decision of the south London cathe-dral's council to hold the provocative, high-profile event, which will be attended by 1,000 lesbian and gay Chris-tians and their sympathisers

on November 16.
It is the first time that a cathedral has agreed to such a link-up with the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, which has kept press-ing the Church of England hierarchy to reconsider its ban on ordaining practising

Before the General Synod meeting next week, the movement is to run an advertise ment listing 300 prominent Anglican churchmen world-

wide who have signed a declaration of support for its campaign, including Archbishop Desmond Tuttu of South Africa and Archbishop Desmond Tuttu of South Afr rica and Archbishop Richard Holloway of Scotland.

The movement's increasingly confrontational tactics thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

Reform. the evangelical General Synod grouping. gathered many signatures and could be scheduled for the summer session.
"Southwark is going into

this with their eyes open, but they felt it was important to open their doors to us, said the Rev Richard Kirker, the LigCM's secretary. "We were very surprised by their co-operation and enthusiasm. But it is not going to be a rally."

But the Rev Phillip Hacking. Reform's chairman, said ual rights could only split the Church - a split which "would make that provoked by the ordination of women

pale in comparison". He added: "If the Church is seem to be ordaining homo-sexuals, we could no longer Southwark clergy poll in last accept the authority of the hi-year's synod elections.

erarchy. In all conscience, we couldn't support the Church financially." He claims that his views are backed by a majority of the laity.

The Very Rev Colin Slee, provost of Southwark Cathe dral and instrumental in arranging the service, said in a statement yesterday: "The principle objective will be of thanksgiving for a greater degree of understanding of homosexual relationships in the last 20 years, with inter-cessions for guidance and wisdom in the future."

The LGCM was a legitimate

organisation representing people who were "seeking to follow a Christian way of life and who thankfully acknowledge their homosexuality". Right years ago the move-ment was evicted from church premises by the then Bishop of London, Graham

Southwark is seen as a bas tion of the homosexual Chris-tian movement. Last week the Rev Jeffrey John called for the ordination of practising



Enterprising spirit . . . Peter Simpkin, whose proposed store offers hope to the Church, and the Rev Neil Dear at St Gregory's in Rendlesham, Suffolk PHOTOGRAPH FRANK MARTIN

Parishes turn to commerce to pay vicar

Alan Watkins on a roadside shop plan which offers hope to rural churches

GROUP of five rural parishes faced with the prospect of find-ing £27,000 a year to provide a salary and pension for their vicar have approved a plan to raise the money by opening a road-side shop staffed by

volunteers.

If the scheme at Eyke,
Suffolk, bears fruit, the
Reverend Neil Dear should find that a goodly portion of his £13.500 a year stipend is funded through the sale of old clothes, garden ornaments and "household clearance items".

The move into commerce has been forced by new operation during 1997. In the past, village congregations paid a percentage quota towards the cost of running a parish but the recent disastrous investment losses incurred by the Church Commissioners coupled with demands to provide pensions for an increasing number of retired clergy, has forced them to withdraw the subsidies to

For the united benefice of Eyke with Rendicsham. Tunstall, Wantisden and Bromeswell, the demand will spell disaster unless the plan of church warden Peter Simpkin succeeds.

A recent meeting of the

parochial church council approved the scheme after Mr Simpkin, a 63-year-old retired furniture dealer. of-

his own resources without involving the church in any capital outlay.

He said yesterday: "I be-lieve that the business would be self-financing and go a long way to meeting the demands upon us.

"Parishes all over Britain are going to be confronted that most of them will be unable to meet. There is no way that our parish could raise the sums of money required through normal functions such as the summer fete or Christmas

A parishioner has donated a redundant milking parlour just off the A1152 which he says would pro-vide the ideal site for Mr Simpkin's enterprise, pro-vided the planning applica-

tion is approved.

Mr Simpkin said the church shop would be run on the same lines as the business he operated for 33 years. He said: "I shall be looking for household clearance items, garden or-naments, bric-a-brac and all those mysterious items that people sometimes buy without knowing why.

Parishioners who cannot be offered the chance to sell them through the shop with the church retaining a percentage as commission. In addition to the stipend

the five parishes, which have a total population of just over 3.000, will also have to make provision for the vicar's pension and meet the rectory's running

means the church is able to maintain a presence in the rural community I do not think how it is achieved is

Refugee groups fight benefit cuts in court

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

NRW High Court chal-lenge to the withdrawal of welfare benefits. welfare benefits for most asylum seekers is to be mounted today as voluntary agencies begin turning away

people.
The Refugee Council says the new rules coming into effect today will mean it is no longer able to find temporary accommodation for the 200 newly-arrived asylum seekers who seek its help every day. When they were entitled

to housing benefit we could always be sure of finding them some hostel or bed and breakfast accommodation," suid a spokeswoman Sue Now there is nowhere we can find them except the claims.

night shelters that are al-ready packed to the gills." The Refugee Council be-

draw benefits from 70 per cent of asylum seekers to save \$200 million a year will have a hidden side-effect in further curtailing their rights to claim refugee status. They can only make a claim if they have a fixed address for the Home Office to send its corre-

The High Court legal challenge is being mounted today by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI). It claims the decision of the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, to with-draw housing benefit, income from asylum seekers who fail to make an application immediately on arrival in Britain is ultra vires. The regulations also withdraw benefits from those appealing against an initial rejection of their

The application for judicial processing of asylum claims, review says Mr Lilley has no regulations to curtail asylum migrants.

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those who are homeless and without means will be physically and mentally incapable of presenting evidence to sup-

The judicial challenge armes the decision will breach Britain's international obligaions under the United gees and on the Rights of the Child. Claude Moraes of the JCWI

said: "These are the most bru-tal and shocking proposals we have seen in the 29 years of our history. We have a duty to continue the fight in the courts. This measure will mean we will see individual tragedies on a daily basis." Mr Lilley says the regulations are necessary to ensure Britain remains a safe haven for those genuinely fleeing persecution, to speed up the BBC boss claims BSkyB sports 'monopoly' penalises poor and elderly Media Correspo

THE battle over the televis-ing of top sports events in-tensified yesterday as a BBC executive accused Sky Sports of being a monopoly.
Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC network televi-

The attack came on the eve an amendment to bar Sky Sports from exclusive access

sporting crown jewels.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, a Liberal Democrat and former chairman of the Inde-pendent Broadcasting Authority, writing in today's Government had had the will | ginia Bottomley, the National to put the public interest before its free-market dogmas and face up finally to Rupert

Other peers backing the amendment, including Lord Howell, a former Labour sports minister, and ex-Tory lay on an issue where all the minister Lord Peyton, have facts are already known." condemned the Government

Heritage Secretary, was pre-paring to backslide over maintaining universal access to top events. "A divided Cabinet has once again panicked under pressure. Unable to agree they have gone for a de-

On BBC1's Breakfast with

poorer people and older people will not see these great things if something is not

But David Elstein, BSkyB's head of programming, said rights to the "crown jewels" events — including Wimble-don, the Grand National, World Cup and Olympics



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rom today, under new regulations introduced by the government, many legitimate asylum-seckers, logally in this country, will be deprived of all welfare benefits. Over the coming months as many as 2500 people per month will find themselves destitute. Charities, churches and others are preparing soup kitchens and night shelters to accommodate people who are only in this country because they are fleeing persecution.

At the same time the Asylum and Immigration Bill, currently being debated in Parliament, will further restrict the right to asylum in this country, undermine civil liberties and increase racial discrimination.

The Bill's provisions include: excluding asylum seekers from a 'white list' of countries; removing asylum seekers to a so-called 'safe' third country if they have passed through such a designated country before arriving here, reducing the right of oral and in-country appeal for many

asylum-seekers; introducing a new legal category of 'Immigrant', which would include many long-term legal residents in this country, who would not automatically have the same rights as other

 further powers for police and immigration officials; making employers criminally liable for the immigration status of their employees which will result in greater race

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Red means go for foreign business

Larry Elliott in Davos

HE Russian Commu nist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov prom-ised a sceptical West st night that a return to the order and authority of the Soviet era would end Russia's economic chaos and allow for-eign business to thrive.

The early frontrunner to succeed Boris Yeltsin as president in June sought to pro-vide reassurance that his victory would create the stability vital to fight crime and rebuildthe economy. In a two-day charm offen-sive at the World Economic

Forum, he told businessmen and politicians that Russia was riddled with crime and corruption, dominated by the maña and had no proper legal structure with which to attract foreign investment.
"No serious business is go-

ing to invest when the rules are changed every three or four months. There is no guarantee that they will make a profit or, if they do, that y will be able to get it out of the country. The only taxes they pay are malia taxes."

Mr Zyuganov, who clashed repeatedly at Davos with another presidential hopeful, the liberal Grigor Yavlinsky, said the pace of reform should slowed and order restored. "Our party is full of people who can create the sort of au-

thoritarian organisation which can enable business to With the International Monetary Fund preparing to lend Russia \$9 billion (£6 billion) to underpin reforms, Mr Zyuganov was at pains to present himself as a

dition of Western social

moderate reformer in the tra-

line was drawn. "State owner ship, part-ownership and priprice to pay," be added. Mr Zyuganov said more

people had died at the hands of organised crime in Russia in 1995 than in the whole of the Afghanistan war, and it was time for the state to reasert control over mafia gangs. "The old Communist Party

was not a party as such, but a power structure. But now all our navigation systems economic, political and social — have been broken."

The communist leader's avowed intention to slow the pace of economic reform, cou-pled with a more hawkish approach to foreign and security policy, has raised fears in the West that Mr Zyuganov will revert to the old Soviet atvle if he becomes president.

Denying that he intended to turn the clock back, Mr Zyupresent economic reform proing only 0.5 per cent of foreign inward investment. "These are crumbs. That figure could be raised tenfold, provided in-

Mr Yeltsin's purge, after the recent sacking of the deputy prime minister, Anatoli Mr Yavlinsky argues that the IMF should deny Russia its loan until troops are withdrawn from Chechenia.

Mr Zyuganov said that withdrawing the troops would result in a massive in-flux of weapons to Europe via the northern Caucasus, leading to instability. While agreeing that there

cut spending on state bureau

should be no attempt to restore the old borders of the Soviet Union, he added that 20 million Russians living outside the Federation were

Asked about the possible inclusion of former Warsaw Gennady Zyuganov: pledges to tackle organised crime

in Nato, Mr Zyuganov warned of the dangers of "moving the goalposts" and returning to the old "confrontational logic".

once enjoyed a monopoly. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of

Germany, while conceding

that the east European

countries had a legitimate claim to Nato membership,

For geographical reasons, Germany is among the keen-est advocates of Nato expan-

sion, but German analysts concluded that the movement

towards a bigger Nato was being slowed down. Some Western delegates

shared Russian warnings of a

new age of confrontation,

case for Nato's move into the

old Warsaw Pact all the more

urgent.
The former director of the

CIA, James Wolsey, predicted

that by the summer Russia would have a "communist or

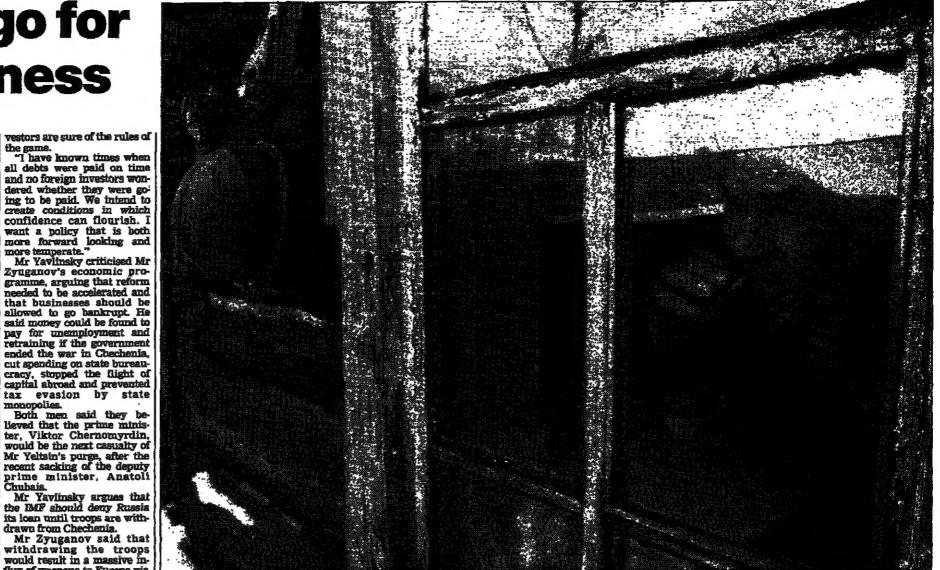
fascist president". He accused Moscow of vio-

he accused Moscow of vio-lating arms control agree-ments and biamed the Euro-pean Union for not admitting post-communist countries of eastern Europe more quickly.

"The world we might have had

three or four years ago is look-ing less likely," he said. "Nato expansion will thus have to be foremost in our minds."

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Miners survive on potatoes and promises

TR miners gathered in | Russian union leaders called off their pit strike on Saturday small, discontented clumps around the vision at the front of the hall, and a large chess set at the back. Lenin stared down at them, as did the socialist realist murals of happy miners, their Com-munist slogans mocking

One slogan read: "Labour and only labour must be the way of measuring a man's worth, his social prestige and his material well-being." The 880 miners of Dubovskaya had laboured all right, for three months without pay, and now they were on strike. "For a foreigner like you

it must seem very strange. We are not striking for more money. We are striking because we have not another saying the salaries been paid at all," said the deputy engineer, Valery need bits of paper. We need Four years ago he lost all fulfilled."

after the government promised to pay them £83m in back pay and provide a £1.5bn subsidy for the industry.

David Hearst finds the men of Dubovskaya bitter but resigned

prices in January 1992, in-flation soared and my sav-ings turned to paper." about 700,000 roubles, or £100 a month. They have sold their cars and exist off

workers had been paid and against, except the government, the whole region was grinding to a standstill.

Mr Mazurev said: "The

authorities, and you the West, call this financial stabilisation. Our government is fighting inflation by not paying our salaries and at the same time our president issues one decree after

their extended families and the spirit which binds a

Andrei, a mining engineer, has a one-year-old som: "We survive off my wife's parents. They have a little smallholding, a goat, hens. They produce pota-toes, beet, carrots and we ive off the No one in the hall spoke

much. The village boss, Volodya Cherkassov, a former miner from Dubovskaya, walked in. He said: "My he showed me two pieces of black bread, two boiled potatoes, two salted cucum-ber. This is what I have been eating for the last two years.' I felt so ashamed." Mr Cherkassov has left the independent miners' union, which helped Boris

Yeltsin come to power. union is back in power, but the disillusionment with all political parties is deep.

Djamila Khalilova, a miner's wife, said: "We don't believe in Yeltsin or Zyu-

ganov [the leader of the trustful, resentful. Pits all Communist Party]. You can around were being closed only believe in yourself and the administration and he wish yourself good health."

Was extremely angry. I Her husband, Irfan, part

was very high — 120, 160, even 175 roubles. Today this means nothing, but then the rouble was a rouble. To be a miner today means being a non-person. We don't exist any more."

Anatoli Diedok, the mine's acting director, sat with the men. He had not been paid either and felt equally bitter. He said: "We need the rule of law in Russia, and normal people don't understand why the West is supporting our

president and our govern-ment, who are now considered to be very doubtful people. When everything gets out of control, as it has done now, Russians start to ask themselves why is the West so interested in supporting Yeltsin?"

The mood was angry, mistrustful, resentful. Pits all one by one, and th nity was dying.

"You see we don't have where else in Russia with home and work to pro-vide," one miner said. "You tell that to your British miners. I remember collect-

West alarmed as Russia hardens stance on Nato

lan Traynor in Munich

USSIA'S hardening resistance to the expan-Ision of Nato dominated the weekend's military attended by senior Nato officials, United States and Euro- aroused by the paper, he pean politicians and military experts.

The overall tone of the de-

bate at the annual two-day seminar was one of gloom and anxiety.

The Russian participant, the deputy defence minister, Andrei Kokoshin, triggered alarm and aggressive verbal sparring that recalled coldwar days by circulating a paper denouncing the proposed Nato expansion.

His paper argued that plans to extend the alliance eastwards into Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were aimed at delivering "the final blow to the cold-war enemy" He said the expansion would increase hostility in Europe and usher in a new era of "dangerous confrontation" hetween Nato and Russia. To Western outrage, he

vance eastwards would breach commitments made when the former Soviet Nato as a predator preying on Union agreed to German lucrative arms markets where

as violating nuclear non-pro-liferation agreements and jeopardising arms control

Mr Kokoshin's paper was supposed to be the text of his speech. After observing the emphasised that the security storm of Western indignation interests of Russia and made a much gentler speech which nonetheless still rejected Nato's plans.
"Kokoshin's remarks sent

shivers through my country-men's bones," the former Polish foreign minister, Andrzej Olechowski, said.

William Perry, said Russia would "come to understand that Nato's enlargement means enlarging a zone of se-curity and stability that is very much in Russia's interest, not a threat to Russia". Mr Perry said Nato enlarge-

ment was "inevitable" but added that the "process of outreach and enlargement" had to be "gradual and deliberate". Nato's new secretary ge

eral, Javier Solana of Spain, said the immediate priority was to "deepen" rather than

But Mr Kokoshin angrily stressed that Moscow saw

Four years ago he lost all his savings, 50,000 roubles.

Most miners live in small was extremely angry. I asked Kolya: "What do you want — coffee, tea, his region in the Arctic Circle. "I had saved the equivalent of five Ladas. Then Yegor Gaidar came along, raised faceworker can expect only in the Arctic Circle."

In administration and he was yourself good health." Her husband, Irfam, part asked Kolya: "What do you want — coffee, tea, his cuits?" Kolya swore at me and said: "Look at you drinking coffee with his brought home a wad of cuits and look what I take faceworker can expect only to eat underground."

Julian Borger in Breza meets an elderly couple who have made the leap of

N A cold January to the apartment to exchange morning Vlajko and wartime anecdotes and reminisce about the days before cided to do something ex-traordinary. After four years of wartime exile, with barely a word to their neighbours, the elderly Bosnian Serb cou-

To do so they had to cross Bosnia's ethnic front lines and face their former neigh-bours in the mainly-Muslim town of Breza. They are among the handful of Bosni-ans who have made the leap

A fortnight ago they un-packed their bags and sat in their son's tiny living room, wondering how their former Muslim and Croat friends would react to their sudden reappearance. They had not

ists. In the eyes of many Bos-nians, however, the Serbs who crossed into rebel territory were siding with a mur-

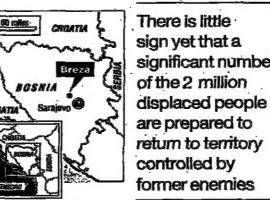
they sat and waited in omi-

nous silence
It lasted an afternoon. In the evening there was a of Darkness by aid workers knock on the door. It was the neighbours, come to share brandy and coffee. The ice was broken. Over the next 24 hours a procession of Muslim that they had been wrongfully and Croat well-wishers came of the armeas by and workers of the process of

sign yet that a significant number are prepared to risk returning to territory con-trolled by former enemies. Even Mr Subotic admitted that his return would not have been possible if he had

been younger and served with the rebel army. Mujo Kustura, one of the Su-botics's Muslim neighbours, said that not everyone in Brez would be as welcoming.
"For people who didn't loss anyone in the war, it is poss-

ible to accept people coming back. For those people who



be much tougher," he said. 'After all, nobody forced these people to leave in the first place." Meanwhile, most of the

60,000 Serbs left in Tijas and the other Serb-run Sarajevo suburbs are preparing to dismantle their homes and flee to pure Serb territory rather than live once more with Muslims and Croats. The international effort to persuade them to stay has started late and is poorly funded and ill-equipped to combat the influ-ence of separatist militants. Of the five Serbs who

At present these hopeful signs are tiny exceptions. More than 2 million Bosnians were driven from their homes during the war. There is little sign yet that a significant number are prepared to risk must be signed as a significant number are prepared to risk must be signed as a significant number are prepared to risk must be signed as a significant number are prepared to risk must be signed as a significant number are prepared to risk must be significant number are prepared to risk must be significant.

day. Elsewhere in Bosnia displaced families displaced are trying to arrange sightseeing tours across the former front lines to see the state of their old homes before deciding on their future.

In most cases they find their homes destroyed or occupied by refugees. Many of occupied by refugees. Many of those refugees would also have to cross the lines to return to their own homes, which are also likely to be occupied, and so on.

Such problems have hampered the return of refugees in the Muslim-Croat Federation.

formed, only a few hundred families have returned to their original homes. As part of the Dayton agreement, two Muslim and two Croat towns were supposed to exchange refugee populations in an effort to restore their pre-war ethnic mix.

Only one local authority has so far complied. The other three are blocking the pro-gramme, for local political reasons, aid workers suspect. With elections due later this year, nationalist politicians throughout Bosnia fear the restoration of an etimically

"All these mayors got into power because of the war. Now, if the people who were there before the war start coming back, they will lose their grip on power," a UN refugee agency official said.
The odds are weighed heavily against Bosnia ever

regaining its multi-ethnic identity. The division created by the war has been deepened by the peace, and for the time being the Subotics are swimming against the current.

comes under fire from US congressmen

lan Traynor in Munich and Julian Borger in Sarajevo

HE obituaries are already being written for the civil-ian wing of the Nato mission in Bosnia led by Carl Bildt. Mr Bildt, the international

community's "high representative", appears to be facing a losing battle to convince Serbs in the Sarajevo suburbs to stay on under government rule, which formally began on

yesterday appeared to accept a proposal put forward on Sat-urday by Mr Bildt and the commander of the Implemen-tation Force in Bosnia for Sarh Police to the Implemen-Serb police to stay on in the formerly rebel-held suburbs for a 45-day transition period. But the government de-manded that they be disarmed.

Bosnian officials have

threatened to move their own police into the suburbs, from which more than 12,000 residents have already fied.

While the Bildt team's role

in co-ordinating Bosnian reconstruction and democratic development was seen as central to the hopes for a durable peace, a two-day Nato conference in Munich heard strong criticism of Mr Bildt's performance and of the lack of international commitment to funding the operation.

"The civilian side needs time to get stood up," admitted General George Joulwan, Nato's European commander. A team of US congressmen which has just visited Sara-jevo complained that the Bildt team was accomplishing very

One senator said there was absolutely no progress in reconstruction".

• Bosnia needs \$3 billion a

year for the next five years to rebuild its economy, its new prime minister, Hasan Muratovic, said yesterday,

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News in brief

Russian troops gag reporters

Russian troops confiscated tape recorders from two Dutch reporters and arrested

their local driver outside the Chechen capital, Grozny.

"It was clear that they wanted to stop journalists from going to Novogroznensky," Bert Lanting, of De Volkskrant newspaper, said. He was referring to the town where Chechen rebels were due to release hostages seized in Dagestan. — Reuter.

Airlift to continue Customs officials in Peshawar, Pakistan, said yesterday war, Faristan, said yesterday they would let the interna-tional Red Cross resume an emergency food airlift to the Afghan capital, Kabul, today after a day's halt.—Reuter.

Triple suicide Two young men and a woman held hands and jumped from a Lisbon viaduct 180ft to their

deaths on a road below, police said yesterday. One officer said he heard them say "Let's go" before leaping. - AP.

Youth killed

Two teenagers are being investigated for allegedly stab-bing a schoolmate to death outside a school in the Garges-les-Gonesse suburb of procedures for preserving full refund if not your savings and warns of satisfied.

Within three months for a Paris in a row over stolen gloves, judicial sources said yesterday.—Reuter.

One small homecoming brings a Bildt mission flicker to the Bosnian darkness

faith needed to recross the front lines

ple packed their bags and went home.

seen them since April 1992 when they fied to Ilijas on Serb rebel-held territory. They said they fied because they were afraid of being murdered by Muslim extrem-

derous agressor.

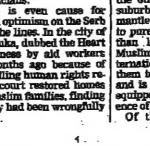
A powerful homing instinct drew the Subotics and five other Serbs back, days after the front lines were demilitarised under the Dayton peace agreement. Mr Subotic con-ceded that they had not given much thought to what Breza would think of them. Now

"Ordinary people never understood why the war was being fought. For ordinary people it is possible to go back to the way things were," Mr Subotic said. A month after Dayton ended 43 months of fighting, the Subotics's homecoming represents a minor miracle of tolerance. There is at least a There is little 60 miles sign yet that a significant number



flicker of hope that Bosnia | lost family members, it will can return to its multi-ethnic traditions if the boming in-stinct of displaced familles outweighs the forces driving them apart — fear, mistrust and the ambitions of nationalist politicians.

There is even cause for guarded optimism on the Serb





News in brief

blues for Keating

ONE of Paul Keating's worst electoral nightmares seemed to have come true yesterday when his Labour Party appeared to have lost the key north Queensland state seat of Munding-burra, held since the 1920s, to the Liberals, just four weeks before the general election. At the close of counting the Liberal, Frank Tanti, had a lead of 800. The final result is not likely to be known before tomorrow.

After six years in power nationally, Labour would be unseated by the loss of only six seats and a uniform swing of less than 0.5 per cent. In Queensland alone six seats are vulnerable. The prime minister and the Liberal opposition leader John Howard both played down the national significance of Satur-

day's poll, but privately the Liberals were delighted.
Three opinion polls last week, the first week of campaigning. put the Liberal-National Party coalition an average 10 points ahead of Labour. Most commentators have awarded Mr Howard the first round for an audacious plan to fund a 2500 million environmental policy by selling Australia's main telecommunications carrier Telstra. — Christopher Zinn, Sydney.

Tajik warlords gain ground

THE Tajik first deputy prime minister, Makhmadsaid Ubaidullayev, a long-standing ally of President Emomali Rakhmonov, resigned yesterday, giving in to a demand by two renegade warlords who wanted virtually the entire government to be replaced. Mr Ubaidullayev offered his resignation at an evening session of parliament, and it was accepted by the president and parliament

'I am making this decision today with a clear conscience and clean hands," Mr Ubaidullayev told pertiament, calling on the Tajik people to unite behind the president. Two other senior officials — Mr Rakhmonov's chief of staff and a regional official have also resigned

Interfax news agency said the resignations were part of a deal offered by Mr Rakhmonov on condition that Colonel Makhmonot Khudoyberdyev and Ibodullo Baimatov disarm by February 7. It said Col Khudoyberdyev, commander of the first Tajik army brigade, would have to return his unit to barracks by the same

The resignations could defuse a crisis which has threatened to plunge the country into a repeat of its 1992 civil war. The field commanders, both ethnic Uzbeks, seized two towns last week and called for the resignation of top ministers, saying the government was corrupt, incompetent and greedy. — Reuter, Dushanbe.

Saudi bomb suspect turned in

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PAKISTAN has handed over to the Saudi Arabian authorities a Saudi wanted in connection with the bombing in November of a US-run military training centre in Riyadh, in which seven people died. Hassan al-Sarai was landed at the Red Sea port of Jeddah on Thursday, the director of the Pakistani federal investigation

agency, Rehman Malik, said yesterday.
Pakistani police sources said the Saudis had provided a photograph of Mr Sarai, who they said had lived in Pakistan since 1990 and was a frequent visitor to Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Kashmir, where he had fought alongside Kashmiri separatists.

At least three organisations opposed to US influence have claimed responsibility for the Riyadh bombing. — Reuter, Dubai.

Mutineers strip Conakry bare

SHOPS and markets in the Guinean capital Conakry were bare yesterday after a frenzy of looting by mutinous soldiers demand ing better pay and rations. Medical sources said that up to 40 ple could have been killed and dozens wounded in the looting and in clashes between the mutineers and loyal troops.

President Lansana Conte has responded by declaring himself defence minister and promising pay rises from this month. He told a meeting of about 1,000 mutineers, including many of his presidential guard: "Concerning your food supplies, I have money to purchase rice if there is any left in the stores which you have already looted." He urged them to share their stolen food and return the cars and other property they had taken. His own

Editor survives shooting

THE publisher of Nigeria's leading independent news; Guardian, has survived an attempt by gunmen to kill him, the paper said on Saturday. Alex Ibru was shot in his car in Lagos on Friday by unknown assailants, a statement by the paper's editorin-chief, Femi Kusa, said. "The gunman fired directly at Mr Ibru's car many times. The car was bullet-riddled and he was injured in many parts of the body. But he survived the attack."

Doctors treating Mr Ibru, aged 61, said bullets hit the left side of his head but did not penetrate his skull. He could lose his left eye. Guardian executives said the motive for the attack was not clear but that nothing was stolen from Mr Ibru, a former interior minister in General Sani Abacha's military government. The Thru family, from midwestern Nigeria, is one of the country's richest and is involved in other businesses, including fishing, industry and hotels. Armed robbery and assassinations are com-

The government closed Guardian group newspapers for more than a year in 1994. They were allowed to reopen last October after Mr Ibru apologised for any offensive reports the papers might have carried. - Reuter, Logos.



Leakey sets unity terms

THE Safina party formed last year by the white Kenyan Leakey (left) has threatened to withdraw from attempts to form a united opposition unless existing party leaders differences and make common cause with non-party

in a statement which boosts President Daniel arap Moi's re election prospects it said yesterday: "We believe there is no gain from such an alliance being dominated by the leaders who failed the electorate in 1992." -- Reuter,

Egyptian journalists for trial



"I used to tell fibs at school because I went to a school where everyone was really rich and I was poor and I had second hand clothes and stuff so I always lied to pretend I was better" — Rosie Boycott

The UN's boss is trying to exorcise financial demons - and staying silent on his future, writes lan Black

Queensland election Secular pope's call to alms blues for Keating

secretary-general, **Boutros Boutros-**Ghali, is biding his time over whether to run for a second term as he lented financial crisis that he will warn this week could shut the organisation down. With drastic staff cuts in the offing — described as "a massacre" by senior officials — morale at an all-time low. and relations with the United States lurching from bad to worse, the Egyptian states-man is now said to be more anxious to arrest the UN's decline than to further his own already distinguished career. Now aged 73. Dr Bourros-Ghali has made no public statement about his intenwill decide by the summer. One consideration is whether he will find the time to write his memoirs if he stays on.

He has been in the job since

HE United Nations | December 31, but officials say he must make a move by Oc tober to allow consultation by rity council decision during the next general assembly

> about his future, no one else has yet come forward to succeed him in a job once likened to that of a "secular pope". Insiders see only two credi-ble candidates if Dr Boutros Ghali does not stand: Sadake

Pecause of the uncertainty

Since all secretaries-general have run for two terms, although not all have completed them, no one will run against an incumbent.

Ogata, the Japanese UN High Commissioner for Refugees

and Kofi Amen, the Ghana

The five permanent members of the security council. the US, Russia, China, Britain and France, have not yet made their choice. British officials have been ordered

Judges say UN mistreated accused employees One case involved a UN after \$3.9 million was

N independent panel's | decision that the UN was mistaken in two cases in ished has shed new light on the operations of a body be yond the judicial reach of any state yet subject to pressures from Washington and other governments.

"This is not like a presidential campaign in the US," said one diplomat. "This is a diplomatic process between gov-ernments. Arm-twisting has not yet begun and it is going to be a few months before it's

But long before the pull of white smoke emerges, what is certain is that times are harder for the UN than ever before. After a guarded European Union proposal for

from his department, and the other alleged favouritism in awarding contracts. Judges said the employees were unfairly treated. In the first case defenders

employee penalised for the theft of millions of dollars

an official who resigned

a reform of the system by als involve an 8 per cent cut abers pay dues, the wolves are at the door. Tomorrow, Dr Boutros-

Ghali is to unveil a new proaide said: "He will be out-lining precisely the nature of the crisis, setting down the when things are going to snap and how many people we have to lay off."

According to a confidential memorandum obtained by the

to show it could tackle abuses. — New York Times. in the secretariat, the politi-cal and administrative core of the UN, and the loss of up

stolen from a UN office in Somalia say he was made a

four men suspended over charges of bidding "irregu-

larities" said they felt the

UN had to punish someone

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14,000. The crunch has come because the UN is owed more than \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) in regular dues and peacekeep ing contributions. By the January 31 deadline for the lates instalments, only 19 of the 185 member states had paid up. More than \$1 billion is owed

1,100 jobs out of a total of

The escalating financial crlsis is being played out in grun political circumstances. When the US said recently that the secretary-general had been "misguided" during talks on a peacekeeping force for eastern Slavonia. he hit back by criticising the "vulgarity" of a statement by Madeleine Albright, the feisty American ambassador to the

Despite such exchanges, many feel Dr Boutros-Ghali has unjustly been made the fall guy over Bosnia. Some believe he should be given more credit for targeting waste and

cutting costs. In this atmosphere the succession issue is on the back burner. Ahmed Fawzi, Dr Boutros-Ghali's spokesman. said: "There is no issue more important today for the UN than the resolution of its financial crisis. The question of the secretary general is of secondary importance at the



Public outcry . . . Demonstrators in Dhaka yesterday accuse police of brutality to students and demand the resignation of the prime minister, Begum Khaleda Zia. She cancelled three campaign appearances because of violence aimed at disrupting the February 15 parliamentary elections, which the opposition is boycotting PHOTOGRAPH KAMPUL HUDA

Evangelism and the vengeance angle give Buchanan an edge

Martin Walker in Metalrie,

PAT BUCHANAN is doing what he does best, sitting before a nicrophone with the television cameras rolling, mak ing the outrageous sound sonable as he assures the listeners to WMIX that there are "no exceptions" in his opposition to abortion.

in his opposition to abortion.

"Even if that pregnancy is
the result of rape, you don't
kill the innocent baby. If we
are going to kill someone,
let's kill the rapist," says the
most conservative of presidential candidates.

"This is a subsystem readio

This is a suburban radio station in Louisiana, and the cameras have gathered because of the sudden and startling prospect of Mr Bu-chanan pulling off another surprise and emerging the winner of the Louisians primary, just as he won the Alaska primary last week. If he does, he becomes the standard-bearer of the Republican and the religious right, with the momentum to mount a very serious chalenge to the front-runners

most likely beneficiary of the huge block of Southern votes in its Super Tuesday primary next month. His Southern strategy

hinges on the two burly fig-ures flanking him at the microphone, the men who have put him in striking distance of another unexpected success: Irv Magri The Rev Bill Shanks speaks for the fastest-grow-

ing church in the South, the New Covenant Fellowship, a fundamentalist inter-denominational group spear-heading evangelical Christianity in central and South America and elsewhere. He is just back from celebrating the opening of their 50th church in Russia.

"The Church has been the sleeping giant, not just in is because we have departed from the principles of the Bible," he says. "Pat Buchanan is a messenger for those principles.

Bob Dole and Steve Forbes. | and I firmly believe he has | chanan is "one of the great-He would also become the | a very good shot this year | est living Americans, a man

WMIX is not a religious radio network: it is the ve-bicle of Irv Magri, a cousin of the former British fly-weight boxing champion Charlie Magri, whose Crimefighters organisation Buchanan's secret political weapon in Louisiana.

Mr Magri, a former New Orleans policeman, has invented a new kind of broadcasting. He sends members police patrol cars with a cellular phone.

Whenever there is an arrest or an alert the phoned report goes out live on air: squealing car tyres. gunshots, interviews with the arrested suspect and the cops. In between the action, America but across the world. But we are waking now, and understanding judges who let criminals that everything that alls us who has just been dodging bullets maybe didn't read out the suspect's rights slowly enough".

est living Americans, a man from the barbarism that is creeping upon us, day by day, with the criminals and the drugs and the illegal

The Louisiana primary is

a brand-new event, devised by the state Republican machine to deliver 21 guaranteed delegates and an early victory to their friend and neighbour Senator Phil Gramm of Texas. But Mr Gramm has disappointed the religious right by voting to approve President Clinton's two nominees to

And the party machine is now run by a new gover-nor, Mike Foster, who is backing Mr Buchanan, as is the old Ku Klux Klan wizard and Nazi party leader David Duke, who won 60 per cent of the white vote when he ran for the US Senate in 1990, although Mr Buchanan says be did not ask for his support.
"The Lord is with us,"

Mr Buchanan says. "Lock slowly enough".

He believes that Mr Buammunition."

Tremors hinder quake rescue

Andrew Hlagins

HINESE troops searched for survivors in freezing darkness last night after a powerful earthquake killed at least 240 people and left 3,800 seriously injured in a scenic mountain region popular with foreign

Worst hit were villages around Lijiang, a town in China's south-western Yunnan province noted for its spectacular scenery, cave art and ancient relics. The earthquake, measuring

7.0 on the Richter scale, was the deadliest in China since 1988. It struck on Saturday evening as many people were eating dinner and watching television. Tens of thousands lost their homes. About 330,000 people live in the stricken area around Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, which was featured in an acclaimed Channel 4 film. Scores of aftershocks jolted

the region yesterday, hampering rescue efforts and causing more damage. A number of Chinese tour-

ists were reported injured. One foreign tourist, whose name and nationality were not immediately known, was jured, the official Xinhua news agency said. Hotels in Lijiang were evacuated. guests spending the night around bonfires.

Last night Chinese television showed dazed survivors huddled in the dark outside crumpled buildings and rescue workers pumping at the chest of a man pulled from the rubble. Crushed corpses covered with dirt and blood lay in makeshift morgues.

The earthquake is the second large disaster to hit China within a week. Last Wednesday, a huge explosion destroyed a block of flats in Shaoyang city, Hunan, killing more than 100 people.

Xinhua reported that the



deputy prime minister. Wu the earthquake zone In 1988 China's prime min-ister. Li Peng, was criticised for his slow response to an earthquake in the region.

About 2,000 troops of the People's Liberation Army have joined rescue workers. Officials pleaded for donations of blood and medical

supplies.
The first offer of aid came from Taiwan, which is eager to defuse tension with its old enemies in Beijing.

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THREE Egyptian journalists have been sent for trial charged with libelling the former religous endowments minister Mohammed al-Mahjoub during the parliamentary elections last year and after Mr Mahjoub lost his post in a cabinet reshuffle last month. They were Magdi Ahmed Hussein, editor-in-chief of the Jalamist paper al-Sha'ab, sentenced to a year's hard labour last week for libelling a minister's son; Mostafa Bakrl, editor-in-chief of the daily al-Ahrar; and Mahmoud Bakri, who writes for Sout Helwan and al-Sha'ab. They will be tried under a law introduced last year which sets tougher penalties for libel and misinformation and has enraged journalists, who say the government is using it against opponents who uncover official corruption. — Reuter, Cairo.



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Andrew Higgins and Azeem Azhar

ORE than two millennia after China's first emperor built the Great Wall to teep out intruders on horseback. Beijing yesterday set about erecting barriers against barbarians on the

Authorities announced garrisons policed by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), as Western governments struggle to reconcile free speech with calls for a crack-

German authorities, anxious about the spread of pornography and Nazi tracts, last week expanded an investiga-tion to the world's biggest internet service, America Online. Bonn wants the issue of cyber-control taken up by

China begins to erect second Great Wall - in cyberspace

Alarm is also growing in the United States. Last week three boys were arrested in New York for an alleged plot to blow up their school after learning how to build a bomb from the Internet.

the Group of Seven industri-

China's concerns extend far wider. Taboo topics include be "severely dealt with", the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday. Under regulations approved by China's prime minister, Li

Peng the MPT will provide the only permissible electronic access ramp to the information superhighway. All existing networks must disband and re-register. The move is part of a more general campaign by the

to reassert control over information entering the country. However, Internet champions argue no government can contain it. "The Internet cananything political. Violators not be regulated," Nicholas information — China want of a new Internet regime will Negroponte of the Massachu-centrally-managed system.

setts Institute of Technology told a conference in Bonn. "It's not that laws aren't relevant, it's that the nation state is not relevant. Cyberlaw is, by nature, global and we're not very good at global law." China seems determined to

prove such arguments wrong its new Internet rules are part of a strategy aiming to estab lish central control over all forms of information - and to give state agencies a slice of **possible** profits.

Instead of the pattern in other countries of a plethora of servers — computer pathfinders which sort and distribute information — China wants a

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Not quite the right ticket

A dodgy start to privatisation

STEVEN NORRIS changed trains yesterday, applauding the first stage of privatisation as the dawn of a bright new railway future. Unfortunately there was a little problem for the junior transport minister - a matter of one of three franchises being put on hold while an alleged fraud is investigated. From the spokes-man for the government of law and order came this comforting explanation: the sum involved even if the allegation were substantiated, said Mr Norris, was "not

This shrugging off of a practice said to involve revenue of around £30,000 a month will come as a surprise to all those who have been given a £10 on-thespot fine for some small-scale ticket irregularity. We are always being told that fare evasion affects the entire community and must be stamped out ruthlessly. What is alleged now is just as serious: the attempt by a privatised company to avoid handing over a fair share of ticket revenue to the publicly owned London Transport. If not one law for the rich and another for the poor, it is certainly one law for the private and another for the public interest.

This is hardly surprising in an area where government policy has been driven overwhelmingly by ideological prejudice against the public sector. Their campaign has actually contrived to shift travellers' sympathy in favour of British Rail — the traditional butt of saloon-bar and under-the station-clock humour. Mr Norris observed yesterday that it was "absurd" for people to be harking back already to the days of BR. He would do better to ask himself just why, on the very first day of privatisation, it does not seem absurd at all to many people. The fact is that in the 1970s and 1980s BR did make great improvements to its service, partly with the benefit of substantial investment and new technology but also with a considerable degree of managerial flair. Progress has not been maintained to the same extent in the 1990s but most passengers realise that this is largely the result of the steady withdrawal of government support.

Whether or not the "serious breach" of ticketing arrangements by LTS Rail is judged to be fraudulent or just smart business, it is an early reminder that we have not seen anything yet. Splitting up BR into 25 competing companies means that each enterprise will seek to maximise its own revenue at the expense of the others. We have already seen the same impulse at work in the predatory behaviour of some privatised bus companies. In pre-nationalised days there were at least far fewer private companies to engage in the business of counting pieces of cardboard and divvving up the revenue. Now, as privatisation pundits were explaining yesterday, all 25 of the new companies will want the biggest possible share of the revenue cake. Similarly Railtrack will be anxious to protect its own balance sheet by charging the franchised companies as much as it can, particularly when extra expense is involved. putes over responsibility for accident clearance, in merchants); which the line remains immediately which the line remains immobilised while the accountants dispute the blame.

All of this should be a gift to the Labour Party if only it could summon up the courage to defend one of the basic principles for which it once stood. Yesterday Gordon Brown said that he was not sure whether the nation could "afford" to take back the network, while at the same time asserting that privatisation will cost the taxpayer an extra £800 million a year. Why not consider the logic of these figures? A firm statement would make Railtrack a much less attractive buy. It would also find an instant echo with the travelling public who fear that as privatised "customers" they will have a worse deal than when they were plain ordinary passengers.

The Forbes bonanza

Mr Clinton may be the lucky beneficiary

STEVE FORBES'S millions will certainly not be used to make a direct contribution to the Democratic Party's campaign funds. But Mr Forbes is doing even better by Bill Clinton. The personal fortune that he is spending on promoting his candidacy for the Republican nomination has created mayhem in the party and is provoking recriminations among the other Republicans in search of the White House. His call for a regressive flat rate income tax, and for a return to the long-abandoned gold standard, is unlikely to survive scrutiny. Yet the result is that Senator Bob Dole's position as unassailable Republican frontrunner is being undermined, and his credibility as President Clinton's most formidable opponent is rapidly being eroded. With the Louisiana caucus today, followed later in the month by the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, February is the beginning of the end game in the long drawn-out race for the Presidency. Polls in all three states show that Mr Forbes is rapidly closing in on Mr Dole. Instead of a glorious march forward to nomination at the Republican Convention, there is talk among the Republicans of dumping the Senate Majority leader.

Unsurprisingly all this is cheerful music to Clinton's ears. Barring unexpected developments in Whitewatergate, this year's Presidential campaign seems increasingly set to turn into a virtual one-horse race. The Forbes invasion of the Republican camp is not solely responsible for the Democrats' optimism. Republican fortunes had turned before he made himself a serious contender. Newt Gingrich's Contract with America fell short of its promise even to those who had voted so enthusiastically in 1994 to elect Republican majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Conservative fervour and inflexibility among the young Republican freshmen has alienated public opinion. Last week's Oregon election of a Democrat to succeed the Republican Senator Packwood was a significant pointer to the changing mood. In the deadlock with the Republicans over the federal budget, Mr Clinton has consistently scored by using his veto to defend at least part of the federal welfare structure budget. Mr Dole's lacklustre performance in reply to the President's combative State of the Union address brought him under fire from the Republican party's barons. Add the Forbes persona and wealth to this brew of discontent, and it reveals a rudderless Republican party. Under the circumstances, it is hardly surprising that America's allies are already speculating who will be Secretary of State during President Clinton's second term.



Letters to the Editor

Criminals: a train of thought

inaccurate, but there were numerous other inaccuracies as well (Major taunted in new row over misleading claims February 2). Major said "Since 1979 we've recruited 16,000 more police officers 700 more are expected this year alone. Over the next three years we've budgeted

This is not true. The latest figures released by the Home Office show a shortfall of over 3,000 on John Major's claim. Indeed, the average annual increase in police officers available for ordinary duty under Labour was 2,196 whereas, since 1979, the average annual increase has been just 797. John Major's "expec tation" of 700 extra officers this year is not shared by any-one outside his party. In the

tion campaign in 1992, the Home Office has been making optimistic estimates which have not been fulfilled. The result reported in the 1995 Annual Report for the average number of police officers in 1993-4 was 1,331 below the forward plan published be-fore the General Election.

The Home Office no longer takes responsibility for police numbers and has stopped publishing forward plans. They have not budgeted for extra officers: the "£20 million extra which has been made available to police authorities" has been raided from the capital account. Some 5,000 extra officers cannot cost less than £100 million per year. The government has not budgeted for this.

ICHAEL WHITE is last nine months for which right to point out that figures are available there when it comes to voting on the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill. I will give just one example John Major said last Monday:

We raised maximum sentences for serious offences like taking a gun to a crime Labour opposed us." I refer readers to Hansard Vol. 241 col. 93-104 (April 12,1994) From the Labour front bench proposed stiffer penalties for arrying knives, guns and and for illegal trading in weapons. The Tories conceded on one

prohibited weapons (ie automatic weapons and other We welcomed this concession but pressed our amendment to a crime") to a vote.
It is there in the record.

his colleagues voted against. Alun Michael JP, MP. Shadow Minister for Home Affairs, London SW1A OAA

WAS amazed that you (Tory doubters stay on rails, Feb-ruary 2) reiterated the Railtrack lie that I had given them private assurances about their future. I have made it clear that this was a complete lie and demanded an apology. Clare Short. House of Commons, London SW1A OAA.

CAN we expect to hear that the late arrival of the privatisation of the London, Tilbury and Southend railways was due to thieves on the line?

21 Hanmer Road

Searching high and low for a culture that is common to all

inability of many (including Guardian sub-editors) to dis-tinguish its from it's (Trivial pursuit, February 1). I'm glad that Henry Porter is raising the debate about the place of

But does anyone with any connection to the real world think that relativism has swept through the literary academy? Is it credible to suppose that the tiny handful of English-speaking intellectuals influenced by a tiny handful of French structuralists have managed to scupper Shake-speare and ahandon Aristotle? Max Farrar.

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"HE "culture" lamented by those quoted owes its existence to external events from "classical" music to the inventions of radio and recording and the canon of literary classics to the advent of state education, when gram-mar schools modelled their teaching in the humanities on

CELEBRATE silent devotion | that of the public schools. So the book and deplore the | the audience for music of the the audience for music of the 18th and 19th centuries was extended to those struggling out of the mass of manual and clerical workers, who also gained some familiarity with Latin and English "classics". But why should this body of

received wisdom be passed on yet again without modifica-tion? Each writer, each artist draws on influences around him/her and, if sufficiently valued, their work becomes part of the culture. Runice Clement 2 Linden Close. Furnace Green, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 6PA.

HENRY PORTER asks:
"How many of us know more about Chaucer than Tarantino?" Students at the University of London do. But, more importantly, they are trained to appreciate the narrative art of Tarantino just as much as the semiotics of the Canterbury Tales. (Prof) Katie Wales. Head of English. Royal Holloway University of London, Reham, Surrey TW20 0EX.

A Country Diary

campaign, and witnessed the THE LAKE DISTRICT: The morning sunshine sparkled on the snow-crusted crags atop the east face of the Old Man until they looked like fairy castles in icing sugar. Only the fleecy contrails of an unseen aircraft high above Swirl How disturbed a com-pletely cloudless, bright blue sky. In sheltered corners, the sun was pleasantly warm; elsewhere, a biting wind sweeping straight out of the east chilled us to the bone. Enjoying, the other day, our friendly battle with the wind and ice steps treacherously overlaid with snow, I remembered a different day on the same hill almost 65 years ago. The snow was the deepest I have ever seen in England — several feet deep and snowing hard all day, with blizzard conditions and no visibility whatsoever. We were a gang of young climbers on an "off-day" from our huts near the lake shore for there was far lake shore for climbing. Everything was buried deep in snow — all the tracks, spoil heaps, quarry huts, machin-ery, even small crags — but

we ploughed blindly on, up any likely-looking slope, taking turns at the exhausting job of trail-breaking. None of us knew where we were until, all at once, we saw Low Water just below us. The other day this lovely mountain tarn was frozen right across, looking fit for skating. On this longdistant day, it was piled high with huge ice-floes and looked like a corner of Spitsbergen Cutting across the flank of the mountain to avoid crags, we suddenly disappeared one by one into what seemed a hole in the ground; we had fallen through the roof of a buried quarrymen's hut and, at last, had a respite from the blizzard and a chance to eat our frozen sandwiches. The rest of the day's adventures will take too long to tell — how we found the summit, our descent down of our hut, and photographed them.

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A HARRY GRIFFIN

lic support of Kenneth Clarke. for the Chancellor has al-

Bad language

MAY I suggest that the Lan-guage Wardens (Letters, February 1) visit the Old Kent along a stretch of a mile or so: 1. "Talant Contest on Fridays"

(motor-spares shop); 4. "Cut Price Stationary" (sta

Lawrence Sutton. 73 Lancing Road. Orpington, Kent BR6 OQU. HAVE been an interested ob

server of the 's plural for some time and am attracted by its simplicity. Why not make it universal? Anything that makes English easier has got to be good. The 's posses sive? No problem. Follow the example of its.

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WAS disappointed that Michael Harvey did not understand the difference between the Impossible Condi-tional (eg "If I were you") and the Possible Conditional (He should have said: "If the mistake was not corrected within two weeks".) 43 Francis Gardens Winchester SO23 7HD.



Customs take a comic turn

NICK HASTED'S article | Fantagraphics or from any other company or individual work by Robert Crumb cour | which might (however untesy of Customs & Excise was most welcome, if overdue (Crumb cartoons cleared after preposterous' obscenity case.

Customs has been randomly poking its fat fingers into the eyes of British readers for some time. Two months ago, I received a par-cel from Fantagraphics Books (located in Seattle), one of the main publishers of Crumb's Customs' cross-hairs. The parcel contained only copies of The Comics Journal, a semi-scholarly periodical, and was passed through with-

Since then, however, I have received two other parcels from the US, both of which have been opened and in-spected. Neither was from

fairly) be considered suspect. Am I to believe that it is mere coincidence that Customs is suddenly interested in my mail?

At risk of sounding paranoid, I am forced to conclude that I must now be on a list of receive mail from. This is not protection of public morals or safety, but unwarranted intrusion into

private life. Jay Russell. 6b Zenoria St, London SE22 8HP.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

We regret we cannot

acknowledge those not used.

Arthur's seat

ARTHUR Scargill's com-Ament that Keir Hardie also lost his deposit before going on to form a mass party should not be taken too seri ously (Scargill crushed by Labour, February 2). I was in Hemsworth throughout the attitude to Arthur Scargill: people were turning out to make sure he didn't get in. He contributed to Labour's mag-nificent result. Coming fourth behind a descredited Tory Party and a lackiustre Lib Dem campaign was hardly an encouraging beginning. Kevin Barron MP. House of Commons London SWIA OAA

OUR attempt at a hatcher job on the Socialist Labour Party allowed you to ignore the fact that it is incredibly difficult for any new party to make a breakthrough in our first-past-the-post, two-and-ahalf party electoral system.
This is a manira your paper repeated endlessly during the short life of the SDP, when you were supporting that particular attempt to create a cen-trist post-Thatcherite election winning machine. P Rimmer. Chair, Liberal Party Policy Committee,

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Only the lowly will get off Scott-free

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

T IS probably better to be a lucky Prime Minister than a good one. So Tory back-benchers will be rejoicing at the prescience with which they lined up behind John Major a couple of days before fate pulled a trump card from up his sleeve. Who would have guessed that, within barely a week of the hideously con-trived joke being made, he would have been offered the chance to demonstrate that he is really tough on hypocrisy and the causes of hypocrisy. Yet, before Easter, he will have the opportunity to prove that his critics are wrong to claim that it was just another soundbite. He will be able to prove that, for once, he meant what he said.

double standards which he claimed to deplore. But he got away with it and the gods have smiled on him again. Not only can he confirm his contempt for cant. He can work his way towards the high ground of politics in easy stages. He has Michael Hesel-tine to thank for the first leg up. The anti-hypocritical John Major can (and being an honourable man no doubt will) dissociate himself from what history will not remember as the deputy prime minister's St Stephen's Club speech. According to newspaper reports, the Old Pretender applauded trips delicately between what companies which postpone the payment of their bills to the last possible moment. The morality of large corporations protecting their cash flows by forcing small firms into bank-

littling others", the gratuitous reference to hypocrisy was, a more subtle mind than John Major's would have recognised, itself an example of the is no excuse for the government of the substitution of the s ment doing one thing and its senior members saying another in a meeting which is advertised as private. It would be unreasonable to expect the Prime Minister to

publish an outright condem-nation of what his deputy said. John Major owes Michael Heseltine too much to allow the complete rejection of hypocrisy. But — knowing the Prime Minister to be an hon-ourable man — I assume that even now, the highly paid help the government claims is right and what was advocated last Friday by the last of the

great actor-managers. The discovery that murky grey water separates the Prime Minister and his dep-

show his real contempt for the shoddy compromises that disfigure so much of our pub-lic life. Tough on hypocrisy and tough on the causes of hy-pocrisy. That requires him to be tough on ministers who de-ceive the House of Commons.

You will recognise my faith in Major's nobility of spirit

what you will recognise as my faith in John Major's nobility of spirit — he has not got off to a very good start. Lord Howe (never the dead sheep of folklore and legand)
has spent much of the last men who should be employed on something better — was always a risk. Having previously announced "I have little time for point-scoring and be
as far as the Prime Minister's some brief embarrassment. But a man who despises hypocrisy is not likely to let that stand in the way of following the path of honour. In any technique which he employed time for point-scoring and beyear denigrating the Scott was an attack on working to take. But we can be sure public esteem.

getter to defend his creation. Yet, far from rising up in defence of the Scott Inquiry, the Prime Minister refused to say that the former foreign secretary — who had at least some theoretical responsibility for arms sale policy — was wrong to attack an official inquiry into the subject. The excuse that it would be discourteous to criticise a former colleague and elderly peer does not wash. For the Cabinet Secretary, one of John Major's employees, also chose to criticise the way in which Lord Scott was doing the work which his boss had specified in detail. Fortunately, within weeks, all suspicions of a planned cover-up

can be proved unworthy. All that is necessary is the in-stant dismissal of any minister who the report concludes has connived at the sale of arms to Saddam Hussein or pretended to parliament that Iraq was still on the military exports blacklist.

It will be a painful decision sink to even lower levels of

ready said, in unequivocal language, that were the Scott Report to find him guilty of some misdemeanour, he would resign at once. Perhaps it would help their leader if other, equally loyal, colleagues — Lilley, Lyell, Heseltine and Waldegrave — made the same praiseworthy declaration, if criticised. Clearly, it would have no practical effect on their futures. on their futures. For a Prime Minister who so loathes hy-pocrisy that he speaks out against it, is going to have no truck with miscreant colleagues who try to hang on to office.

All politicians, and perhaps even the politician despising public, should rejoice at the combination of principle and expediency which now chal-lenges John Major. Just for once, what is right coincides with what is necessary. For if. after all his pious talk, the Prime Minister was soft on hypocrisy and on the perpe-trators of hypocrisy he would



Andrew Higgins

glimpse of the pickled corpse of Mao Zedong, on his back under Perspex in Tian-anmen Square, in a city where even public toilets can now demand money, it is refreshing to discover some things remain secred.

A few years ago in Moscow, I had met Marxism's master embalmer. He had worked on Lenin, Stalin, Ho Chi Minh, but missed out on Mao. He considered the Chi-nese, who had dared go it alone, impudent charlatans. He said their pickling potion lacked some key secret ingredient and predicted Mao

would rot away. That Mao had been embalmed with less than com-plete confidence has also been suggested by the Chair-man's own former doctor, Li Zhisui. In memoirs written from exile in the US, Dr Li described trying to deflate and patch up a corpse pumped full of chemicals.

Twenty years after his death, though, Mao seems to be holding up remarkably well. Even on the iciest winter day, a long queue of sol-emn pilgrims, mostly out-oftown peasants, shuffles through the portals of Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and into a dimly-lit inner sanc-tum. Mao lies under a red flag with a gold hammer an sickle. Calligraphy on the wall asserts his claim —a bit dodgy in the circumstances

Maoism may be long dead but, beside a formaldehydebasted body on a black mar-ble bed, rich and poor can. for a few seconds at least, pretend to stand equal. On display since 1977, Mao last month received his 100 mil-

lionth visitor.
If all are equal before the Great Helmsman, however, some are more equal than others. Look closely and you will see two lines snaking into the mausoleum — the first moving quickly, the

quisite ingenuity, the man-agement of China's holiest shrine has squared the cir-cle of Maoism and money, of equality and privilege. Visitors wishing to show exceptional plety — and not waste time queuing in the cold are invited to purchase a bouquet of funeral flowers at an authorised stall by the entrance. Flowers in hand, they are then told to jump the queue and hurry inside, ahead of non-paying visitors. Charging admission to see Mao would be sacrilege: Buddhist temples and Cath-olic churches can charge for candles, why not demand money for flowers?

ACH banch costs only two yuan (20p), but multiply that by 100 million! And all the flowers are fake, an innovation that has allowed a lucrative breakthrough in sepulchral recycling. Whenever the flora gets too deep inside the oleum, staffarrive with a big box, collect the side, and sell them to the next batch of worshippers.

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Not all the Mao mon making is so subtle. At the back of the mausoleum, what used to be a fusty sou-venir shop selling faded postcards has mushroomed into a frenetic bazaar of Mao memorabilia: pens, watches leather jackets, holograms, T-shirts, chopsticks—even a model of Mao standing on Tinananmen gate that twinkles in the dark and plays, The East Is Red". The Communist Party

seems both delighted and baffled by such Mao manta. It has expended much energy of late trying to rebut the blasphemous memoirs of his former doctor, Dr Li. Arhives have been scoured doctors and nurses called out of retirement as witnesses, and an entire book written to debunk the portrayal of Mao as a despotic philanderer addled by syphilis, paranois and power.

But there is a problem. The squalid details Party critans want purged from the record increase, not diminish, the Mao mystiqueat least, for a generation that remembers neither the famine of the Great Leap Forward or the terror of the Cultural Revolution. A young fan at the mausoleum confessed he had read the doctor's banned memoirs. and said he now admires Mao even more. "Mao was a real leader," he said. "Mao did whatever he wanted. whenever he wanted. Long Live Chairman Mao."



A woman's work TCOULD be the the last freebie in China; a is always undone

Commentary

Mark Lawson

OLITICIANS still like to complain, of a hostille inquiry: "That's a when did you stop beating your wife?" sort of question." Tony Blair, though, looks likely to became the latest modern politician to have to ask reporters and owned to ask reporters and oppo-nents: "When will you stop beating my wife?" An article in yesterday's Mail On Sunday melodramatically asked, "Will Cherie be Britain's Hillary?", observing that "Hillary Rod-ham Clinton and Cherie Booth Blair have a surprising amount in common." Both, readers were told, were indereaders were told, were inde-pendent, clever, ambitious, in-terfering, or, in short, unac-ceptably feminist. It was the latest in a series of articles tar-geting Mrs Blair, a tactic which is also known to be under consideration at Conprovided inspiration.

servative Central Office, for whom the tabloids have often It's a tough job, being a political spouse. Betty Ford bespool memoirs of her pet dog. All of these roles proved acceptable, Hillary Clinton, though, tried to have a job in-side politics and Cherie Blair is trying to have one outside, and this, if seems, is still not to There were two particularly

There were two perticularly strange aspects to yesterday's attack on the wife of the Labour leader. The first was that it was apparently prompted by her remark at a legal gathering: "Lord Irvine will be the next Lord Chancellor." This was interpreted as king-making, combined with crossystem because the lawyer was once her boss. Yet Lord was once her boss. Yet Lord Irvine is the current shadow Lord Chancellor, first ap-pointed to the position by Neil Kinnock, which makes the disputed sentence no more than a puted semience no more than a standard prediction of confi-dence in a Labour victory. In-deed, the sentiment would only have been newsworthy had Mrs Blair said, "if Lord Irvine becomes Lord Chancel-lor", a formula which would have implied doubts about either Lord Irvine or Mr Blair. The second mystery of this article was that its author, the historian Niall Ferguson, shares his life with Sue Doug-las, who is now editor of the Mall On Sunday's chief rival, the Sunday Expresa Was his broadside against strong and powerful women an elaborate

Wilson and Denis Thatcher be-came objects of bestselling sat-fre. Barbara Bush wrote the himself and Ms Douglas? Or is day and himself, or between himself and Ms Douglas? Or is his relationship with his part-ner of the kind which he seems to advocate for the Clintons and Blairs? One of such professional separation that his house-mate would not know he was writing such an article or that he was not aware that his partner even had a career, so extreme is their domestic exclusion zone. It is never entirely clear what kind of political mar-

what kind of political marriage is regarded as ideal by the rightwing critics of the Clintons and the Blairs. Norma Major has sometimes been accused of not being involved enough with her husband's career, choosing, for example, to live mainly in Huntingdon rather than London. How, then, is a spouse to judge exactly the degree of proximity to adopt? Personally, I was alarmed when, in an excellent BBC2 documentary about Tory wives last tary about Tory wives last year, Gall Redwood appeared to suggest she was unaware her husband had decided to run for the Prime Ministership until she heard the news

on the radio.

The rightwing ideal of a political wife still derives from Eleanor Roosevelt, who once said: "I used to tell my husband that if he could make me understand something, it would be clear to all the other people in the country." But this winsome passivity was

merely a calculated public persona; in reality, she was independently minded, both politically and sexually.

Treactionary politics of spouse bood even odder is the easy acceptance — even encourage ment — of the idea of a woman

Nearly 100 years later, such spirit is still best kept private by political wives. Hillary Clinton has frequently been accused — confusingly — both of not being on speaking terms with her bushese and of any property of the confusion of the conf with her husband and of running the country through him. Elizabeth Dole, wife of the cur-rent faltering Republican presidential candidate. Senator Robert Dole, confidently promised America "two President Doles", referring to her own presidency of the American Red Cross. The line backfired, partly because it smelled of Hillary-type career independence, partly, perhaps, be-cause the reminder that the senator kept a representative of the Red Cross by his side subliminally underlined fears

It's tough being a political spouse. Nancy became a foundation, Betty became a clinic

But there is an added no

gnancy here, for Mrs Dole, a cabinet officer in two Republi of the names widely touted in the 1970s as America's first woman president. The other was Geraldine Ferraro, briefly a Democratic vice-presidency candidate in 1990, until scrutiny of her husband's business affairs shot her down. The fact that all the serious candidate in the subsequent four presidential elections have been male makes its own point about the true sexual politics

ment — of the loca of a woman entering politics as a kind of symbolic continuation of her husband. Lady Lightbown, widow of the Tory MP Sir David, was shortlisted, though not selected, to fight his vacant seat. The widow of John Smith was appropriated to the House of was appointed to the House of Lords after the Labour lead-er's death, although, impressive woman that she is, she would never have been sent there in her own right. After the assessination of lan Gow. his widow was strongly

pushed to carry on the flame

and, in a bizarre speciacle, held the wedding ring on her finger up to the spotlights to receive a round of applause at Tory Party confere How strange that these arrangements — which, borrowing an image from India, we might call suttee careers should be found tolerable. while the idea of influence within a living political mar-riage should not. But, then, the preferment of widows obeys the idea of a wife as her hus-band's slave.

Any demonisation of Cherie Blair would expose the fear and dislike of intelligent and independent women, which — Margaret Thatcher's premier-ship seeming increasingly a historical eccentricity— remains a dominating princi-ple of politics. It would also remind us exactly what the Conservative Party means when it talks about the importance of marriage as an

Perhaps Mrs Major or Mrs Heseltine or Mrs Mawhinney might advise their husbands and their journalistic allies against resorting in the next election to the cheap, nearder-thal tactics of rhetorical wife-beating, but I expect they know their place too well to think that their views on poli-

to demonstrate that a decent society and an efficient econo-my are not contradictory, but

was so important, because it showed that our values, far

from being redundant in a

modern global economy, are essential to success within it.

This speech, linking our val-ues of fairness and social co-hesion to our commitment to

economic efficiency, is a land-

mark in our path to victory. We will win the election, but

we will also win the battle of

ideas, our values back where they belong — shaping the

future, setting the agenda.

But the election is not yet

won. Voters have moved to us

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Old worries about Labour are not yet fully erased.

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Ros Coward

HAT have Michael Howard and Michael Portillo got against their fathers? Luís Portillo was a Spanish Republican who fied to Britain in 1938; Howard's father arrived in the late thirries, escaping Jewish persecution in Romania. Yet this same Michael Howard, actively supported by Portillo, has now made it virtually im-possible for the modern equiv-alents of their parents to seek

asylum in Britain. New regulations introduced today are likely to make many refusees destitute or even prevent them coming here at all. The changes are ostensibly financial Asylum seekers will lose their entitlement to benefits unless they apply for refugee status at their port of entry; benefits will also be withdrawn from those who appeal applied decisions to appeal against decisions to refuse them asylum. Asylum seekers, of course, are already barred from taking jobs for six

The implications are vast. potentially depriving refugres of their rights under International Law. After all, what does a right of appeal mean if you can't survive until the appeal is heard? The lack of public outcry is complementary. If you want one, you must have both. This is why Tony Blair's speech on the "stakeholder economy"

suprising, but is probably be-cause few people really under-stand what a drastic difference these changes could make. At present, most asylum seekers do not declare themselves to immigration officers at their port of entry. This is often because they ar rive in states of confusion with little understanding of procedures. It is also because many have to rely on agents, who discourage contact with immigration officers and who use visas and false passports which they are anxious to collect and re-use, so asylum seekers are often whiaked, through and abandoned. One in droves but they are still Zairean recently spent two uncertain. The predominant days wandering round Heath-electoral mood is of scepticim row until a French speaker bailed him out.

Refugee workers have al-ways counselled asylum seekentry. When discrientated upset and unable to speak the language, they are unable to give coherent answers on the long and complicated form that greets them. Statistics prove that far more of those who claim refugee status on entry are turned down than those who apply later with the help of friends or solicitors. Refusees will continue to enter in these ways, but will

no longer have any financial entitlements. Refugee and church charities expect such

hardship that they have contingency plans for soup kitch-ens and shelters.

The changes also jeopardis the rights of those already in Britain. One typical case is an Algerian doctor who has been studying in this country, financed by his brother. Recently, this brother disappeared, presumed murdered, and other relatives are threatened. It is dangerous for him to go home, but his legal aid worker thinks his prospects for asylum are remote. "The Home Office will suspect him of having come to better him-self, rather than being a 'genu-ine' refugee, especially given the unsympathetic attitude to

applicants from Algeria."
Asylum-seeking is now the only way an immigrant can enter Britain without previous family ties. And since 1990, the numbers have dra-matically increased: 40,000 applicants are expected this year. The Government uses these figures to suggest mas-sive fraud. Yet contrary to Howard's description of Britain as a "honey pot" for eco-nomic migrants, the processes controlling entry to this country are already harsh. Currently, only 1 in 5 gain entry, and it can take 10 years

to gain full refugee status.
All the evidence suggests that the origins and general increase in the number of asylum seekers closely match the major military and politi-cal upheavals of the 1990s. Very few Nigerians sought asylum in the 1980s, a period of extreme economic hardcution began, the numbers in-creased dramatically. Even so, between 1993 and 1995, the Home Office only accepted 19 out of 2,500 applications, on the grounds that Nigeria is "a country where rights are generally respected".

T CAN'T be conclusively proved that the Government is deliberately stirring up racist fears with the election in mind, but Tory MPs who reply to worried con-stituents talk of "bogus appli-cants" and economic fraud. It is also clear that the Home Office now endorses an unpleasant view of asylum seekers as *apriori* liars. Applicants can expect their narratives to be regarded as the fabricated stories of economic freeloaders. It is deeply ironic that in his standard letter to Cabinet colleagues about this subject Howard should foreground Romanian refugees, "As many countries like Poland Chans and Romania are rejected," he asserts. As the recent Jewish Quarterly reveals, Howard's father was prescient, fleeing to avoid the fate that his brothers later suffered. What welcome would such an

asylum seeker receive today? Howard himself supplies the answer. Send them back; they're only after our money. Along with Luis Portillo, Howard's own father would have been deported under his son's new regime.

depicted as being in the grip of political correctness. came a clinic. Nancy Reagan became a foundation. Mary In Britain, what makes the

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Labour strategist **Philip Gould** explains the school of thought aimed at getting the people back into the new People's Party

Class worriers

more a party working class people can identify with. The

party of the children I went to

It is because it is so impor-tant that Labour is genuinely

a people's party that political

polling has no fears for me. Focus groups are not some black pseudo-scientific art.

They are voters talking together, expressing a point of

view. one way the people's

voice can be heard in the polit-

people have to say. There is nothing sinister about this.

that scepticism about politi-

cians and politics is ingrained and profound; that anger

about this government is deep-

rooted and will not melt away,

and, perhaps most important, that almost everyone has a

story to tell about this govern-

ment. That they bought a

house that collapsed in value:

that they lost their job after 20 years of loyal service; that

ND what people are saying at the

moment is what

almost everyone

reading this article knows:

as the party of the people.

school with. New Labour: back

distant fringes of Lon-don. It was not an not blighted by great poverty or deprivation. The parents of most of my friends had jobs that were manual but porters had been broken. To skilled: plumbers, nurses, car-penters, secretaries. They were working class, but they were simply unacceptable. To were working class, but they were simply unacceptable. To wanted to get on. Their chilambitions that flowed from theirs. If they did well at school, they could become apprentice engineers; if not them

political attitudes. They respected hard work because hard work was what they would have to do, but they wanted to be paid fairly and well for it. They supported the welfare state, but they were opposed to its abuse. They were very definitely tough on crime. And they were the labour from the minority beart of the Labour's support. In 1966, the year I left sch around 55 per cent of this group (C2s: skilled working class) voted Labour. By 1983, this had fallen to 34 per cent. And Labour's lead among equalling our 1966 level. working class voters of all kinds had fallen from 45 per cent to 8 per cent. In that year, Labour stopped being the party of the majority of the British working class.

But many drew the wrong essons from the 1983 general election defeat. In 1984, a very senior Labour figure said to me "The working class have betrayed us. We educated them, we housed them, we gave them their opportunites and they turned on us." But it was not the working class that had left Labour. It was Labour that had left the working class. In the face of this defeat. Labour had to modernisa. It had to change or it would die.
This meant going forward and
embracing the future, but it
meant going backwards too back to our original purpose. To demonstrate that a decent as the party of the people, back society and an efficient aconomy to our original values, back to the level of trust we once enthe level of trust we once and mentary. This is why Tony Stair's joyed. Back to the future: speech on the "stakeholder econ-

'In 1985, when I first started | has been to make Labour once | stories. Time after time, forworking with Labour, I lis-tened to the findings from the first focus groups that had been conducted by the party. The results were consistent Labour and its natural sup school, they could become apprentice engineers; if not, they down, of minorities, pouring scorn on working class aspirations and calling it is my responsibility to their view of life and in their political attitudes. These people were stough, in their view of life and in their political attitudes.

gotten its purpose; to be the party that represented the am-bitions and values of working class people in Britain. Recovering this purpose was the first task of modernisation scribes the transformation of majority party it was always intended to be. This task is on

The Labour Party had for-

Our lead among working class voters of all types has risen to
43 per cent — within 2 per cent
of our 1966 performance; and
62 per cent of all voters now
believe Labour is the party of all the people.

Modernisation of Labour

has won middle class voters -

Modernisation of Labour has won

middle class voters. But its great-

make Labour once more a party

they started a small business that folded in the recession; that a member of their family was denied access to a hospi tal, and had to be ferried around through the night and so it should, and so it will. searching for an empty bed. Three tasks of modernisation

> army" was so important; it showed that our values, far from being redundant in a modern global economy, are essential to success within it.

working people can identify with. Winning trust it is not about the politics of playing safe; it is about a totally new approach to politics, vision. It is about offering hope mentary. This is why Tony Blair's and deleating lear.

merly loyal Tory supporters have shifted to us not on a whim, but because of real in-jury inflicted by the Tories. And these injuries have left scars that will remain, whatever the Government does or seys in the next yeer. Of course, political polling can be misused. But politics by

public opinion is bad politics Today, politicians who try, like the Prime Minister, to bend and shape themselves to the whims of public mood end up disliked, even despised. Mention the name John Major to any group of voters and you hear the same instant chorus: "weak, weak and weak". Vot-ers don't want trimmers. They mt politicians who have the courage of their convictions, prepared to take risks for what they believe in, to fight rather than fudge. I think it is impor-

tant to hear what the voters have to say. I think it is part of being a people's party.

My parents were Christians and my mother was a socialist. From the start, I had come to believe that the values of compassion, fairness, justice, equality and responsibility for others were the values of a decent person and a decent society. For me, these are articles of faith. I believed them then, and I believe them now. The last two decades have seen not the advance of these values, but their retreat. Values defeated, not just in elections, but in arguments. Defeated not because our values were wrong, but because we confused means with ends, outdated policy prescriptions with moral choices, making

values of the future seem like relics of the past. In this vacuum, the values of the Conservatives flourished, and our values were declared redundant. To our opponents, economic efficiency left no room for fatrness. For Maurice Saatchi, the choice was clear: between "caring and incompetent Labour, and

cruel and efficient Conservaüves". Modernisation's second task is to reclaim our values and prove their modern necessity. Party members

tion. The Conservatives know this and will fight hope with fear. They will use race, and tax, and xenophobia. They will try to make the people of Britain turn their back on a better Britain and their finer instincts and say, at the death, that the Tories may be had, but better the devil you know. It is our responsibility to prevent this from happening. to allow the Conservatives to run away from their record: to

stop their attempt to cover up the scar tissue of 17 years of government with smear, fear and diversion. But it is also about winning trust. In this battle between hope and fear, not one of our new supporters can be taken for granted. For us to get their votes, every one of these supporters must not only reject the Conservatives, they must

trust Labour. Regaining the people's trust is the third task of modernisa-tion. We cannot stand still and expect to win by default. The is no automatic swing of the pendulum in modern politics. If the electorate doesn't trust us it won't vote for us. It is as

atmple as that.
Winning trust is not about the politics of playing safe. It is about an entirely new approach to politics. It is about honesty, conviction and vision. It is about treating people not as passive recipi-ents of political messages, but as active participants in the developing a new connection with the electorate, a genuine partnership with the people showing trust. It is about back-ing up what we say with what we do. It is about offering hope and defeating fear. This is not 1966. It is 1986.

New Labour is a new party for new times. But it is once again a party that the children I went to school with could vote for, and will vote for. New Labour, the party of the people, trusted by the people, back where it belongs: in goverrment, making our future.

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Brodrick Haldane

Inside view of the celebrity snapper

once described by Cecil Beaton as the "founder of modern social photography". Others might have described him as the first of the paparazzi. The younger son of one of Scot-land's oldest landed families, he was born in Edinburgh and brought up at Alltshel-lach, the family's home in the Inverness-shire district of Nether Lochaber, where his grandfather had been Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. In 1918. his father inherited a 7,000-acre Perthshire estate and became 26th Laird of

Sent off to boarding school at Seaford, then Lancing College. Brodrick at an early age began to emulate a former pupil. Tom Driberg, with contributions to newspaper gos-sip columns. Arriving in London to seek fame and fortune, he first tried his hand as an actor, enlisting as an extra at Elstree Studios before joining Sir Philip Ben Greet's Pastoral Players. In the early 1930s he acquired his first camera, a second-hand vest pocket Ko-dak so as to photograph George Bernard Shaw and Margot Asquith. His photo-graphic career had begun

Through the 1930s, Bro drick Haldane's photographs of social life in London and in Continental Europe domi-nated the pages of the Tatler and Bystander and the Sketch Magazine. To begin with, however, his technique failed him. He had tremendous trouble with focusing and one edi-

result of his work before it was printed. He often claimed that he had never set foot in a darkroom in his life.

Being well-connected he gained easy access to the balls and dances of the London season where others would be turned away. He was, in fact, an early version of a Hello! photographer and he built a career on it. Yet for someone from his class, photography was not considered a suitable profession. A family friend once remarked to his father. "I trust this is only a passing

But it wasn't Every sum mer he hunted out the rich and famous at Cannes, St Anton, Le Touquet and Cap d'Antibes, sending his pic-tures back to London. In the winter it would be Gstaad and St Moritz In Monte Carlo he came across the exiled Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and the duchess was once recruited to carry his box of flash bulbs. At Eden Rock, outside Monte Carlo, he pho-tographed the Kennedy family, including a bashful future president of the United States

Serving as a gunner during the war, he was stationed at Chatham, and returning to London in 1945 be realised that the social world of between the wars had gone for ever. Without hesitation, he turned his back on Britain and deliberately sought out the surviving pockets of that world in mainland Europe. He eventually based himself in Switzerland, at the Lausanne home (once the sum-mer residence of Madame de

RODRICK HAL. In those days films were sent | Stael) of his friend and pairon | family title. There he held DANE, who has straight to the publishers and Mary. Comtesse Chevreaux | court, regaling his audience died aged 83, was | Brodrick would rarely see the | d'Antraigues, the daughter of | with anecdotes and revelathe Scottish shipping mag-

nate, Sir John Latta. Lausanne in the 1950s and 1960s became a mecca for dis-enfranchised European royal-ty and film stars. The exiled Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain lived next door, and Charles Chaplin brought his family to live nearby at Vevey, Noël Coward was at Les Avants and brought Marlene Dietrich to dinner. All of these goings-on Brodrick recorded.

His techniques of an old-style tabloid photographer

A non-judgmental character, he was one of the last survivors of a pre-war age when it was smart to be smart

sometimes led to complaints. He would know, for example, which restaurant the then Aga Khan was likely to frequant. Setting up his camera he would focus it on the Aga be reading a newspaper while he took his pictures. When the Aga Khan complained, Brodrick said he was just

In 1964 he returned to live in Scotland and bought a flat be near his brother Alex, who had by then inherited the Georgian splendour, amid chinoiserie and family portraits, he continued his career by taking photographs for such magazines as Tatler, Scottish Field and Harpers & Queen. He alternated the party snaps with formal por-traits of the former royal families of Europe and writers auch as Ivy Compton-Burnett, Compton Mackenzie and Osbert Sitwell

A great friend from his early days was Margaret Sweeney, who was to marry the 10th Duke of Argyll, a marriage which led to the costliest divorce case in Scottish legal history. The duch-ess often went to stay with Brodrick, and on one occasion so did the duke's fourth wife. Brodrick managed to keep them apart in separate rooms without either suspect-

Brodrick's curiosity to explore new territories and meet new people remained to the end, and last summer he went to Romania to photograph President Ion Iliescu. A bird-like, non-judgmental character, with old-world courtesy and wit, he was one of the last survivors of a prewar age when it was smart to be smart. "I don't mind what people say about me," he would often say. "As long as

Brodrick · Vernon Chinneryin Edinburgh's New Town to Haldane, photographer, born

adoring girlfriend, Lois Lane — everything his co-creators wanted to be. Their



title, Action Comics, Mayer

recalled: "Jerry Siegel was way ahead of us in what was

right for comic books, only nobody knew it. The reader response was immediate."

At first, Siegel involved Superman in down-to-earth

morality plays, tackling corrupt bosses and rescuing orphans, but he was soon battling the Nazis and Japs

with enchanted powers. By 1941, The Man Of Steel had

his own newspaper strip and a million's elling comit's book, a readers' club, The Supermen Of America, a

Letter

Michael J Smith writes: Eric Briault (obituary, January 20) was not only an enlightened educational administrator. He was equally successful as a schoolmaster, notably at Latymer Upper School, where he taught geography. Many boys will also remember him for his athletic prowess.

On the cross-country run, Latymer boys ran "round the river". These runs were supervised by Dr Briault, who gave no quarter to those half his age. But he demonstrated a rare tolerance to the asthmatic, halt and lame, and those who had "forgotten-my- finally found a home with kit-sir", who walked instead. We did it tully clothed, setting off earlier than our athletic brethren. The number 9 bus was an irresistible temptation, however, and the problem was to avold being seen by Dr Briault and other runthat he never overtook us, but nothing was ever said.

Birthdays

Jack Aspinwall, Conservative MP. 63; Robert Atkins MP. former Conservative minister. 50; William Burroughs, novelist, 82; Red Buttons, actor and comedian, 77. Lord Gibson, former chairman, National Trust, 80; Molly Huttersley, education-ist, 65: Susan Hill, novelist and playwright, 54; Douglas Hogg MP. Minister of Agriculture, 51; Gen Sir Geoffrey Howlett, chairman, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 66; Mark Jones, director, National Museums of Scot-land, 45; Frank Muir, writer and broadcaster, 76; Wayne Noon, cricketer, 25; Charlotte Rampling, actress, 50; The Very Rev Colin Sem-per. Canon of Westminster. 58; Arthur Sulzberger, for-mer publisher, the New York Times, 70; Sir Rodney Sweetnam. orthonaedic surgeon to the Queen, it; Clark Tracey,

Jerry Siegel

Flight of fantasy

OR five years, from ger. Later that year, they Kent, Superman's mild-man-1934 to 1938, writer reworked their Superman nered secret identity. Jerry Siegel, who has into a crime-fighting mus- "Superman" was masterful, died aged 81, and artist Joe Shuster were sent rejection after rejection for their proposed newspaper strip Superman. The all-American super

hero, who was to eclipse every comic-book character ever to grace a front cover, the publisher of Action Comics in 1938. Shuster and Siegel promptly signed and the rights to their blue tights for \$130 — a decision they were to regret for the rest of their lives. Pals since high school in Cleveland. Ohio, Siegel and Shuster lived intense imagi-nary lives, escaping into movies, science fiction and

newspaper strips. Siegel first conceived Superman in his fanzine Science Fiction No 3, January 1933, in a text story illustrated by Shuster about a vagrant transformed by a scientist's drug into an evil. mind-controlling warmon-

cleman in T-shirt and trousers for the then emerging market of 10-cent comic market of 10-cent comic books; but they were bit-terly disappointed when their shoe-string publisher got cold feet and then went

But the idea would not go away. One sleepless summer night in 1934, in an adren line rush of ideas, Siegel dreamed up "a character like Samson, Hercules and all the strongmen I ever heard of rolled into one, only more so". The next day was spent with Shuster developing Superman's colourful acrobat's costume and cape and his "human dis-guise. Clark Kent, repor-ter", Siegel's own career am-

A physically perfect, super-powered alien from Krypton was pure adolescent wish-fulfilment. Shuster and Siegel were nervous kids, short-sighted and shy with girls — a lot like Clark

John Mosely

has died aged 62 in an aircraft accident in the

United States, was a pioneer of stereophonic sound. He

became fascinated by the way it could solidify our aural impression of recorded music while still at Clifton

College and had taken its

development some way when we collaborated in 1957 on a

recording of music by

backgrounds and have used

their trade to affect or colon-

Ear for detail

OHN MOSELY, who | Thomas Tomkins. Having

written a book about Tom-kins, I wished to clarify for

readers and listeners the actual sound of antiphonal

rally impossible. John achieved a splendid stereo balance within the spacious

acoustic of St Bart's, Smith-field. We stayed up all night editing tapes which he then took to New York.

them. You arrive at the site of

"Superman" was masterful, athletic, handsome, with an

Shuster began selling other characters such as Dr Occult and Slam Bradley to the new comic books and finally in 1938, at the insistence of Mc-Clure Syndicate's Sheldon Mayer, DC Comic editor Vincent Sullivan took a creators wanted to be. Their chance on Superman, put-"superhero" tapped into a potent fantasy shared by on the frontcover of a new



Jarry Siegal Creation of a superhero . . . the writer and the artist

many a teenage male. Despite repeated submissions, however, the newspaper



in such an "immature"

From 1935, Siegel and

chandise, 17 cartoons and later live movie serials. some financial rewards from this success, but having relinquished all rights to their creation, these were not significant. In 1948, they lost a lawsuit to regain the copyright to Superman and were dismissed by the publishers.

Despite the patronising at- | neously with Louis Arm-

recording and classical in the 1974 film of Tommy, music to include business When he moved to Holly-administration and internation wood his 16-Db improvement

Their next collaboration. a crime-fighting clown called Funnyman, failed to catch on and the team split up. Siegel went to write science fiction, horror and romance comics and briefly returned to writing Superman in the early sixties. At the height of the Batman craze, he adopted a camp style for The Mighty Crusad-

strong, Charles Aznavour and later Elton John.

His energy was phenome-nal, but he never neglected

In Japan, he modified San-

sui's four-channel system

into the five channels used

to 70mm recorded sound won

On achieving his goals and

his laurels, John character-

him an Oscar in 1985.

Technologies.

Spider" for the British weekly comic, Lion. His first and only typewriter, a 1938 Royal, was recently offered for sale at \$65,000.

By 1975, Siegel and Shu-ster had lost yet another protracted lawsuit to gain ation and were barely sur-viving in low-paid jobs and in poor health. Shuster was forced to take work as a messenger in Manhattan, Slegel as a mail clerk in Los Angeles. Shuster, who later moved to the West Coast to

3.5 million by Warner Brothers for a new Superman film, Siegel publicised the two men's plight, and in 1978 DC Comics agreed to pay them \$20,000 a year each for life plus health in-surance and to restore their credits as the creators of Superman. It was small compensation. Even as an

old man Siegel admitted that the sight of a Superman comic book still made him feel physically sick. Paul Graveti

Jerry Siegel, comic book writer, born October 17, 1914; died January 28, 1996

istically moved on to other

projects. He brought me in as musicological adviser last year on a hair-raising version of Messiah — for which he denai, but he never neglected family and friends, and en-joyed life to the full. In Eng-land, he was in charge of recording and techical devel-opment for Pye Records and in the US for Night Technologies signed special equipment featuring the Mormon Tab-ernacle choir, his favourite Ebenezer Prout orchestra-tion and a British conductor and soloists.

He is survived by his wife Myra, their two daughters and two daughters from his first marriage.

8, 1933; died October 7, 1995

John Mosely, recording exper and entrepreneur, born March

Denis Stevens

Carter Burden

Papering over the cracks

ARTER BURDEN, who has died of heart fallure aged 54 threw parties in the mid-1960s to which would come Capote, Warhol and assorted Kennedys. He held New York City political office for most of a decade, collected art most of a bacade, consider and first editions, and con-tracted a glamorous sixtles marriage to a great grand-daughter of Standard Oil's

his seventies involvement with NYC's redical weekly, the Village Voice, that he achieved most fame — and notoristy. Burden provided the route by which the Voice stumbled from fifties liberalism and sixties radicalism, into the arms of Rupert Murdoch. That embrace was to last eight years. In 1969 Burden, late of Har vard and Columbia law school and a former assistant to Bobby Kennedy, was running for New York city council. It was then that he met Voice co-editors Dan Wolf and Ed Fancher. In 1855 the two men had straped together \$19,000 (provided by Norman Mailer and Fancher) to found the Voice. By the late sixties the two journalists were hanker-

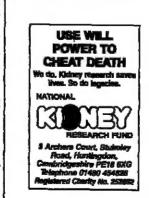
ing after security. In 1970 a Burden compan purchased 80 per cent of the weekly, netting the editors three million dollars and leaving them — they thought — in editorial control. In 1974, out of the blue, Burden merged the Voice into Clay Felker's New York magazine company. The glossy, a trailer for eighties consumerism, was the Voice's antithests. Wolf and Fancher were off the paper in five weeks, suing — with Mailer — Burden and Felker within 12 weeks, and settling out of court nine months later. Felker's tenure was short-lived. In the closing days of 1976 Burden sold out to Murdoch, which opened the way for the semiwithin a fortnight. The deal cost Murdoch \$7.5 million. He sold out in 1965 for \$55 million. By 1978 Burden's political career had ended when de-feated — via the courts — by the radical Bella Abzug. In the eighties he built an east coast radio conglomerate, worked for charity and was a patron of

the arts. His first marriage ended in 1972. Burden's blend of patrician, media flirt and pastime politician was peculiarly American, live near Siegel, died in 1992.

When the story broke that DC Comics had been paid glow of the Kennedy era, evapat the chill dawn of Reaganism. He leaves a second wife, and two children by his first

marriage. Nigel Fountain

Shirley Carter Burden, patrician, born August 25, 1941; died Janu-ary 23, 1996



Death Notices

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Jackdaw



Holy hunters

Q. IS IT possible for a member of the clergy to enjoy hunting? A. Some years ago the then Rector of Steep le Bumpstead revealed on television that he wore hunting gear under his robes on Sundays so that he could hunt between services. Reverend Denis Shaw.

A. Blood sport is mentioned once in the Bible, at Genesis 49.5. where Jacob refers to the cruelty of "crippling bulls for sport". Obviously, some blood sports are crueller than others, but all contain some element of cruelty. Therefore sports generally would be in-consistent with the Christian

Mosely . . . boundless energy

A. Is there a difference between the clergy and the laity hunting? Both are equally Christian, and stewards of God's creation. We both hunt to enjoy the excitement of rid-ing dangerously across country that would not other wise be available to us. The hounds hunt to follow their instinct to chase and kill and eat the fox . . . I see no reason why members of the clergy why members of the chergy should not enjoy hunting as do the laity. Remember also that the hunting fraternity is a major contributor to the conservation of the countryside and its wildlife, which is something that concerns us all. — Canon William G

Country ethics from the probiem page of the Church Times. Going native

MANY OF the great practitioners (of journalism) who have written for the British or American press have been

ise quite different ones. These are personalities who. while not exactly rebels in the out-and-out sense, feel dissatisfied and embarrassed with the social identity into which they were born and in which they were raised, and migrate into new ones — sometimes into several Most people have come across the crypto-Etonian columnist with the Tyneside accent and the warm loyalty to workingclass experience, or the swag-gering Texan brute of a news-hound, festooned with body-armour and film pouches, who becan life as the only child of a Harvard Men with this kink (it's not a common manoeuvre for women journalists) make

magnificent interpreters, as

they transmigrate into what they fancy are the hearts of

strange or inarticulate groups with a story to tell . . There are emotional penali-

ties to be paid for these gifts

of transmigration, however. Any travelling "fireman"

some emergency and within hours are being tugged into intimacy by people desperate for your help... For a while, you transfer, the empathetic guising takes place and that particular group of people be-come your intimate comrades, their cause your cause Sex, always wildly liberated by catastrophe and insurrec-tion, may well be one of these emotional bonds obscuring the category difference he-tween reporter and reported. But then, as the story dies down or the deak loses interest, the day comes when you must kiss these wonderful friends goodbye. The taxi waits, about to take you through roadblocks and across snipers' alleys to the airport. You have a return ticket, but they do not. And in three or four months' time, you will be appalled to discover that you are beginning to forget their faces, their names, the details of their struggle ... apart from what you wrote about it ... Of course, there is an alternative. It is the condition dreaded by foreign and fea-

that "our guy has gone na-tive". He (or she, because I also know women journalist who have done this) has put his life where his laptop is, and formally enlisted with the people he is supposed to be writing about. Yesterday's bourgeois media correspondent becomes today's revolu tionary press officer. Veteran foreign commentator Neol Ascherson opens his review of The Collected Works Of John Reed (Modern Library), in the London Review of Books. While Reed may have emerged from his Bolshe-vik episode with some integrity, his reputation has been besmirched for posterity thanks

titudes of recording industry colleagues John knew that

he had in his hand luggage something fabulous and far-

reaching. He also knew that the music could not then be

issued on disc since no agreement had yet been reached on methods of cut-

ting. Undeterred, he arranged for his product to be published as stereo tapes.

He travelled widely. ex-

tending his expertise in

tional finance. Producing

impressive records of Boult, Barbirolli and Scherchen he

also dealt almost simulta-

ture editors alike. It is the

moment when they realise

Heavenly body DEAR Jewel,

to Warren Beatty, who por-trayed him in the film Reds.

I have a rather strange tale to relate. It all began two weeks ago in my small ranch in a remote part of Nebraska. One evening I was eating dinner as usual when I beard a faint rumbling that grew louder

source of the commotion and saw a large object hovering over the barn. It was cigar shaped and multicoloured lights emanated from either end. It landed in the corral and for some reason I was no afraid as I decided to ap-proach the craft. When I was within 10 yards, a door slid open and a masculine hand beckoned me inside. I hesi-

Crafty . . . jack Magazine

with every passing moment. I | tated but then I saw a face. It raced outside to discover the | belonged to the most attracbelonged to the most attrac-tive man that I had ever seen!
"I love you," he said, and I led him out of his spaceship and into my house. We spent

the rest of the evening chatting over a fine bottle of blushing wine. I don't want to get too personal about what happened next, but he is still here today. In fact, as I write this letter I can see him from my window, skilfully muti-lating cattle in the pasture. Is it wrong to love such a strange man? — Lydia S. Dear Lydia,

Now here's something I can sink my teeth into . . . You call him a strange man, but you don't tell me how he's strange. I'm guessing he's a good kind of strange, because he's still there: And by the Anyway, you sound smitten. And no wonder. He's good looking, he works, and he has his own car. Sounds like a keeper. Just make sure you know where he is at night and keep an eye on the rest of your livestock.

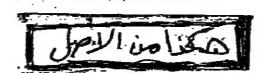
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Boys' zone A YEAR ago I would have

agreed about receiving a handwritten letter in preference to a fax or e-mail. Today. however, with both my sons away at university. I'm thrilled that they communi-cate more often — and more enjoyably — since we've joined the Internet. They send and receive messages several times a week, some short and others gloriously long and rambling. We can print off anything we wish to keep and thus have the best of both worlds. And this from someone who has taken years to become used to computers! The prize-winning letter in this month's Good Housekeeping, written by Gillian Gould. Her prize is a decidedly low-tech lwaary pen set.

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No let-up in blood sacrifice



Will Hutton

conditions for economic success that it has hardened into an unthinking mantra. But after nearly four years of a just that low inflation and the growth of contractualised, "flexible work", the performance of the "real" economy

miserable 1.6 per cent on an annualised basis. Moreover, any pick-up promises to depend not on exports and investment — but on our old friend the British consumer. It all looks painfully familiar.

There is no greater testi-mony to the enfeeblement of the British economy than Britain's export performance. The pound, apart from the plunge around the 1976 International Monetary Fund crisis, has not been so cheap for 20 years — as the chart below, monitoring Britain's relative unit labour costs, demon-

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North Sea oil and high interest rates helped raise ster-ling in 1980, but after oscillating at a still high level during the mid-to-late-1980s, it has slid a good 20 per cent over it three years alone. On past evidence you might have expected this to have generated an export surge — but of In 1994 British manufacture market share.

ing exports, according to OECD data supplied by Gold-mans Sachs' Gavyn Davies, grew by 11 per cent in line with the 11 per cent growth of British export markets.

That was disappointing mough given the devaluation - a storm warning that British exporters were taking advantage of a more competitive pound not to increase export volumes, but to increase prices and margins.

Last year the poor performance became more marked still. Britain's export markets grew by 10.5 per cent, but manufactured exports grew at

Britain lost ground in 1995 in a way it did not after the 1981, 1949, 1967 and 1976 devalvaluation performance this century. As Gary Young, the chief economic forecaster of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research remains disappointing.

British growth over the last tions. It is, he says, "incomprehensible".

Of course, as he goes on to argue, it is only incomprehensible in terms of the way British exporters used to behave. It seems that building market share is less important now than building profit margins - hence export prices went

The fundamental problem proportionately represented in slow-growing or declining sectors like food, drink and tobacco, and defence, with little representation in fast growing export sectors like information technology.

Britain's ageing export companies in these low-tech-nology sectors are terrified that their increasingly de-manding and uncommitted institutional shareholders will sell out to a takeover bidder, which means that they place a high value on putting up prices to produce high earnings and dividends, and less on innovation and future

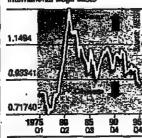
Britain's chief markets have been slowing down. Nor is there any great hope that investment will propel

Manufacturing investment this year is likely to rise between 5 or 6 per cent, but given the jump in profit margins, the already long dur-ation of the upturn and strength of manufacturers' current balance sheets again this is one of the weakest performances on record. But manufacturing investment only accounts for around 13 per cent of gross domestic fixed capital formation — and compared to the rest it stands as a beacon of light.

> NVESTMENT in housebuilding, construction, distribution, business ser-vices, education, bealth, transport, and agriculture is either stagnating or — as in the public sector — in head-line decline. This is happening despite low inflation and labour market flexibility and well into an economic recovery. Investment overall is likely to grow only fraction-

> ally if at all over this year.
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> Thus, as the Purchasing
> Managers' Index reports that
> manufacturing output growth
> fell to a three-year low in January, we are left with govern-ment spending and the con-

Sterling competitiveness UK labour costs converted at prevailing exchange rates against international wage costs



sumer as the final props on which to base hopes that the growth rate will accelerate. Start with government spending.

In 1996-97 the Government is budgeting for current spending to rise by 0.2 per cent in real terms — an implausibly low increase which nevertheless it has to achieve to have any hope of "prudent" tax cuts in the November

Indeed the pressure to control government spending is even more intense because growth slow down will be to 97 - so that a growing number of forecasters are now saying that the public sector borrowing requirement in 1996-97 will only fall margin-ally compared with this

year's expected \$29 billion.

Any relaxation of the spending totals will imply even less for those already imperilled but politically vital tax-cuts — so expect lit tle impetus from this quarter. Which leaves the con-sumer, still not borrowing for house purchase and lacking confidence, but to be so armed with text cuts and electricity rebates that he and she will end the mini-downturn. In fact, as Peter Warburton of Flemings points out, rising council tax bills and public

sector charges will offset most of the tax-cutting largesse. An increase in consumer spending depends largely on earnings increases of around 4 per cent running ahead of inflation of some 3 per cent, and saving not rising; and it is on that basis we can expect

growth to hold and even to pick up a little in the second

half of 1996. In other words more than 70 per cent of this year's rise in GDP will have been driven by rising personal consumption in an economy where investment remains chronically low. This is the great British capitalist model at work; the

capitalism that Conservative propagandists claim has outcompeted the Rhineland "stakeholder" model, which is supposedly rushing to emulate British success.

Yet the defunct German economy with its bankrupt system of corporatism and over-regulated financial sys-tem managed to increase exports in 1995 by 6.5 per cent -

ERMANY'S markets, it is true, grew by 9.8 per cent, so that like Britain it lost rale tive ground; but its underper formance was 3.1 per cent against Britain's 4.9 per cent and was forced upon it by a currency appreciating to new highs rather than falling to

new lows.
Indeed if the Bundesbank had been less obsessed with achieving zero inflation last year by pegging interest rates at excessive levels for too long, even the mark apprecia-tion, export relapse and minirecession could have been averted - but it takes the strength of the stakeholder particular time. model to withstand such mon-

Yet Britain suffers from the same policy preoccupation with a much weaker underlying economy. Last week's monthly mone-

between the Chancellor and Governor again wearyingly report a discussion, aping the Bundesbank, in which the real economy is looked at almost entirely through the prism of potential inflationprism of potential initiationary pressures — like druids gutting yet more sacrificial victims however repeatedly the ceremony fails.

Rather than challenge these curious priorities, the country takes refuge in jingo-istic flag waving laced with schadenfreude at so-called German failures. Nothing changes.

Mexico's woes dwarfed by those facing Russia

Commentary

Larry Elliott in Davos

■HIS time last year the talk at the World Economic Forum was of how Mexico had slid from being the darling of the West to the brink of bankruptcy in six short months. Twelve months later, it's as

if it was all a bad dream. Neatly skating over the fact that the austerity programme meant that gross domestic product was almost 10 per cent lower in the third quarter of 1995 than a year earlier, President Zedillo told businessmen the current account the root cause of the origin nal problem — was back in the black and unemployment had peaked.

He stressed that Mexico was trying to strengthen its political structures as well as its economy. It was in stark contrast with the impression left by the Russians a few hours later. Here, if ever there was one, was a classic tale of two economies.

For while Mexico could say, without hubris, that it had taken only a year to turn the corner, Russia is an economy halfway into the abyss. What's worse, the catastrophic slump is not only continuing but has started to poison the well of Russian politics, with the lib-erals on the defensive, Presi-dent Yeltsin winning support from the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky for his hard-line on the Chec the communist Gennadi Zyuganov the front-runner to take over in the Kremlin after this summer's presidential elec-

Both the liberal Grigor Yav-lineky and Mr Zyuganov have been in Davos, but where the Mexicans have been using the gathering of the world's business and political elite for an unashamedly open sales pitch, the Russians have been washing their dirty linen in public.

To some in the West, the widespread corruption, the power of the mafia and the lack of any formal legal structure within which business can operate with any confidence have vindicated the cautious approach adopted since the collapse of communism at the end of the 1980s.

However, not everyone sees it like that Professor Jeffrey Sachs, the Harvard professor who drew up a blueprint for Russia's transition from a command to a market economy is scathing about the way in which the Group of Seven industrial nations, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have dithered

and delayed.

The IMF has now agreed \$9 billion package of loans, but Professor Sachs believes the money has come four years too

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late. "The West should have been at least as generous in 1992, when there were some real liberals around, as it is prepared to be now. But it held back. There was very little western involvement in 1992. It was a presidential election year in the US and nobody

There are some who are analysis. Anatoly Chubais, the reformer recently sacked by Mr Yeltsin, argues that Professor Sachs' policy of selling off state industries en masse is at least party respon-sible for the endemic corruption that has followed.

Adair Turner, who worked as a consultant in Russia be fore becoming director-gen-eral of the CBI, believes that it is not just the lack of money but the fact that there was only the thinnest of topsoil in which capitalism could grow. Russia may be like Brazil in happen.

the 1950s and 1960s, Mr Turner says, a country with huge potential but able only to realise it very slowly.

That said, however, Profes

sor Sachs has a point. The West showed a distinct lack of vision back in 1991 and 1992, sending Mr Gorbachev away empty handed from the Lon-don G7 summit in 1991 and being equally parsimonious a year later in Munich. Yet it was obvious that Russia ur gently needed financial help, a modern equivalent of the Marshall Plan to underpin marshail Plan to underpin and prevent the country slid-ing back into its bad old ways. Unfortunately, the warn-ings were not heeded. Unlike Mexico, Russla does not have a 2,000 mile border with the United States, Wall Street is not up to its neck in worthless Russian junk bonds and there is no fear that a collapse will rigger a chain reaction in

neighbouring economies.
The West, prodded by the Americans, reacted swiftly to the Mexican crisis, rustling up \$50 billion within a matter of weeks. In the event, only about half the money has ac-tually been drawn down by the Mexican government, but the support helped to restore confidence and bought Mr Zedillo time.

But if Mexico has problems they are dwarfed by those in Russia, where since the slump started industrial production has dropped by 50 per cent, investment is only a wanted to think about giving third of its previous level. living standards have fallen by 28 per cent, the teachers have joined the miners on strike there is no money to pay state pensions, 37 million people are not earning enough to support themselves and their families, and the death toll from organised crime in the last year has been greater than total Russian losses in Afghanistan.

Little wonder that a grow ing number of people now look back with nostalgia on communist rule. Who can blame them? Certainly not the leaders of the West, who have sat back and watched it

American dream merely Europe's cold comfort

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Dan Atkinson ****************

As THE years go by it is tempting to believe — at least for those who have never been further west than the Scilly Isles is simply a reflection of You may have noticed the what is wrong with the scene in the film The Player, European economies at any in which a waiter is sum-

American breakfasts? Rumour had it that Brother

terial goods that was sup-posedly the most striking Rather than react in the really does exist.

man hastens to comply. No longer do we yearn for American breakfasts; jobs the number one preoccupation in Europe, it is pets. It is not so much that we wish to have such serwonder whether the US actually exists, or whether it that grabs our attention. It will be to the repeated claim that "in the future" there will be little demand for the type of unskilled employee repre-Thirty years ago, it was from its present container (a sented by the water waiter. the sheer abundance of mawine glass) to the correct. This is all very heartening. Assuming that America

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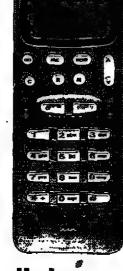


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Long-term jobless finally on the agenda

Debate

Richard Layard

T LAST a serious debate A has begun about pre-venting long-term unemployment. John Major is planning to put everyone who has been unemployed for over two years on work experience or training — in two pilot areas. Labour is more ambitious, with plans for anyone under 25 within six months of them becoming unemployed.

But can such policies make a real dent in unemployment? International comparisons made at the Centre for Economic Performance show they can. Countries can reduce unemployment if they pay benefits for shorter periods and use the savings to help the unemployed. It is better to use public money to generate activity. rather than subsidise inactivity.

But which is the best way to multiple and the subsidise inactivity.

But which is the best way to multiple and the subsidise inactivity.

reduce unemployment? Policy design is crucial. It is not enough to park the long-term jobless in some spurious activity. Claimants desperately (Nov). Republic in Industry Copyright Republic in 1990

but evaluations in many countries suggest it does not Job creation schemes do is a change of regime: it must more good. But often, as in be for all the unemployed, the UK's Community Pro- not only those who choose it.

one is to persuade a regular employer to give them a regular job-slot. This would mean recruitment subsidies in Sweden averaged only 2 only proposes to help people

Indicators

production (Dec).

seir-respect, showing them accumulate a valuable work of the unemployed; in return record and offering permanent jobs. Training can help, but evaluations in many a normal wage.

otherwise have been paid to for employers.

They should be employed as regular workers.

The financial incentive to a normal wage.

But no such labour market employers must be substanpolicy will work unless there tial, and weighted towards

those hardest to place. Employers must monitor performance and provide gramme in the 1980s, the pace of work is slow, and a record from such a scheme carries last 25 years. There, benefits the ployment Service if permanent jobs are not offered. written accounts to the Emfrom such a scheme carries last a years. There, beneaus limited value when looking last for a year, after which anyone still unemployed is guaranteed the offer of a job lasting at least six months.

Hent jous are not offered.

The employer cannot collect a subsidy if at the same guaranteed the offer of a job lasting at least six months. How do Tory and Labour This more than anything else proposals line up with these explains why unemployment principles? The Government

need the kind of help that becoming the centrepiece of changes their prospects, not. "active labour-market policies and the eighties. Five proced is to pay the employer self-respect, allowing them to the benefits which would otherwise have been paid to for employers."

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This means restoring their procedule is the employer of the benefits which would otherwise have been paid to for employers. Labour's plan comes nearer

the mark. For people under 25 it kicks in after six months unemployment. It includes four types of help: recruitment subsidies, full-time education, and work on benefitplus for a voluntary organisation or an Environmental Task force.

The tragedy is that for so long we have paid people for inactivity and misery, rather than using the money to get them into work. At last politiclans are willing to change it. Professor Richard Layard is Director of the Centre for Economic Performance at LSE.

Tourist rates — bank sells

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RUGBY UNION: THE FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP



Howley hurrah . . . the Wales scrum-half, who crowned an assured debut with a burrowing late try, plays the ball as Johnson and Bayfield are kept at bay

Rowell needs to boldly go

Robert Armstrong

NGLAND have registered a new pat-ent in Mogadon rugby which could paralyse Scotland's nopes of winning the Five Nations Championship and perhaps a Grand Slam in next

nonth's clash at Murrayfield. The essence of this turzid approach is to weary the limbs and dull the wits of the opposi tion by keeping the ball safely out of sight while the forwards trundle crab-like downfield. Slow ball is the very antithesis of modern Test rugby.

puts a premium on generating momentum and pace, yet those were the very qualities England successfully drained out of a young and enterprising Welsh side. Not for the first time Will Carto secure a win that they were cility for coining a sharp ing a rare nightmare with the career together. willing to sacrifice their own maxim that is profoundly difthree-quarters and any pros- figuit to put into practice.

altar of workplace efficiency.
If England persist with the ing and mauling to their hearts' content, they might well end up with the Triple Crown but they will also con-tinue to alienate their own supporters. many of whom ran through the full repertoire of rude noises as the game slowly died on its feet. The England manager Jack Rowell pointedly passed the buck back to the players, ex-

plaining that they had put together their own game plan with the captain's approval. That was hardly surprising news in view of the flak Rowell has copped this season for talking up a 15-man game only to deliver a ponderous travesty on the field. "It's not a matter of training harder, it's a matter of

looked distinctly suspect.

enlist a specialist coach to into bolder footballers, prepared to treat the backs as ponot just optional extras. The England try-scorers, Underwood and Guscott, proved they are still dangerous finishers at the highest level and the scrum-half Dawson showed he has a nose for the try line, yet overall this was a

squander talent. Carling had the frustration of being forced out with a knee injury in the 53rd minute just when his urgent calls for a more dynamic game were starting to be heeded. Instead of taking up the cap-tain's torch Clarke, the pack leader, promptly pulled Eng-land back into their shell, advising Grayson to kick for touch. As the fly-half was havgrim satisfaction of overpowering their counterparts in the crums, rucks and mauls. Rodber enjoyed a formidable comeback often performing a Richards-like wrap-up at close quarters and cutting down Welshmen with precision. However, among the 10

cause, for the second game

remedy their shortcomings in

the line-out. "England should do much better there," admit-ted Rowell. Indeed. Bayfield

and company won only two-

failed in a perceived area of strength, they at least had the

throw.

Welshmen making their first Five Nations appearance at Twickenham, the half-backs Arwel Thomas and Robert

pecially in the loose, without delivering the pay-off line that ought to have consigned country followed a Mickey The 21-year-old Thomas Mouse build-up in which

was low-key about the genius | passes twice went to ground,

It is hard to escape the con-clusion that Rowell needs to able to get into top gear be- Wales's fifth-minute try by luck after half-time with a fly-Taylor. "I asked the referee if ing charge-down of Justin Thomas's clearing kick which we had signalled for posts and he said no," he recalled. "I saw the ball fall perfectly for gave it a tap and saw a gap right but they covered it quickly. I panicked a bit and the touchdown.

As for Howley, he had a

remarkable debut, showing the skills of a complete all-

round footballer and scoring

an explosive burrowing try

from a ruck ball near the end.

pack gave everything that moved a fearful pounding, es-

Wales's impressive coach.

"We certainly gave too many penalties away and we need to have a look at it

and find the reason. I thought he was a bit harsh

Between times the England

In the end Wales failed to impose the kind of sustained hit Gwyn Jones to the left. I pressure that wins matches, was very relieved to see Hem! and England were not quite Taylor go over." What this modest analysis omits is the negative enough to det another defeat. It was a speed of thought and execu-tion that he showed in wrongcurate's egg, bad in patche but not a senume stinker. footing the England defence. CORREGE Englands Triess Underw

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visitors' disruptive method.

Rowell, though generous in his commendation of the

Welsh, again showed the

sort of schoolmasterly ex-asperation with his own

Scotland 19, France 14

Scots thrive on doing it by halves

an Malin at Murrayfield

the best out of Scot-land. The Auld Alliance has produced three memorable internationals in the past 12 months. A last-minute try by Gavin Haslast-minute try by Gavin Has-tings took the spoils in Paris a year ago, Emile Ntamack turned the tables on the Scots in the World Cup three months later, and on Satur-day Michael Dods did the trick to keep Scotland on course for the Grand Slam.

Hung-over men in kilts were still rubbing their eyes yesterday and hoping it had not all been a dream. To paraphrase Des Lynam, How did they do that?

On paper Scotland had little chance against a side who had beaten New Zealand and England in the past three months and could justifiably claim to be the leading side in Europe. With all due respect to David Hilton, Ian Smith and Eric Peters, the Englandbased players in Scotland's pack, they are hardly bloodcurding Rob Roys, but all three had major games against a pack on average one and a half stone heavier.

said Kevin McKenzle, Scot-land's 5ft 6in booker, giving Scotland's front row, small by international standards, had mighty French scrummagers. "But the whole side has an underlying belief in itself. There was always someone to make that important tackle."

warming to his theme, was soon ushered away by Scotland's coaching director Jim Telfer, who remains guarded in his optimism and considers talk of a Grand Siam al-

Yet there is an irresistible symmetry in Scotland's current position, with links to 1984 and 1990. A victory over a callow Wales side in Cardiff. and March 2 will bring Will Carling's England back to Edinburgh and haunting memories of six years ago. As in 1984 and 1990, Scotland have found an irresistible half-back combination to pull the strings. For Laidlaw

Redpath and Gregor Townsend. They were contentious choices when the champion-ship began, yet after two games they are the best will bination in the Five Nations. Redpath created both tries

for Dods, the first with a bobbing kick to the corner which allowed the wing to blast past Cabannes and touch down after eight minutes, the second 12 minutes after half-time with a long cut-out pass from which Dods scored spectacularly in

the opposite corner. Both moves also featured Townsend. Upright in attack and with a shimmying side-

step, he showed the classic fly-half's ability to think on his feet and keep the opposition guessing. Perhaps Scotland, particularly in the first half, relied too heavily on him, flinging poor passes at the fly-half even when france's flat back line were bearing down on him, yet he completely outshone his op-posite number Thierry

Two late penalties enabled Lacroix to beat Didier Camberabero's France point-scorknock left him with a cut cheek and seemed to subdue the man who was the World Cup's leading scorer last

Redpath and Townsend were at the heart of a Scot-land game plan that involved winning quick ruck ball and moving it wide and away from the bigger French pack. The opening 10 minutes were as fast and furious as any thing that will be seen in this year's championship.

"At one point we were try-ing to entertain rather than play a balanced game," said the wily Telfer. But if the fre-netic pace was a coach's nightmare, it also helped to sharpen Scottish reflexes. Their back row. in particular their captain Rob Wain-wright, was outstanding. Rowan Shepherd a rock-like presence at full-back. Scott Hastings and Ian Jardine s steady partnership in mid-field and Craig Joiner a pene-

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trative counter-attacks One bone-jarring tackle by Hastings on Abdel Benazzi in the second half was similar to that of his brother Gavin on the same charging flanker in Paris last spring.

And on the subject of brothers, Peter Dods was the full-back in the 1984 Grand Slam campaign. Little brother Michael came of age here. His tries would have done justice to his opposite number, the ace predator Philippe Saint-André, but six missed kicks at

goal are a cause for concern.

The French were generally disappointing. One try in two matches, and this from Benazzi after a drive from a lineout, will not satisfy a demand ing public. Pelous and Carbonneau, playing out of po-sition at No. 8 and scrum-half, Princes on Saturday week.



In control . . . Townsend rides a French tackle

Clarke wheels out excuses for a dull day

Richard Williams with a damning verdict on a match that England allowed to die

"If the scrum is wheeled all the time," said Ben Clarke, the pack leader, "you're not going to get tuted a cold, hard attempt admitted Kevin Bowring,"

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good ball out of it. so we had to hold it in longer."
And once they had accus-

tomed themselves to that infernal wheel-and-hold rhythm, they found it impossible to change gear when they were cruising at 21-8 up in the second half and apparently ready to switch into the sort of expansive running mode that would carry them to a big

Sometimes it's hard to change the tempo of a game," Clarke explained. You need continuity. which we didn't achieve because the game was being interrupted the whole time. Look at the penalty count: 21 against them, sever against us. How can you get continuity when people are killing the ball and you're going from set piece to set

"I'm not criticising referees, but it really is time we established what you can get away with and what you can't. It's the same problem we had against Western Samoa. The answer is that people have got to learn to stay on their feet."

From the grandstand the perception was slightly dif-ferent. It had seemed clear enough that England's deci-

to tire and demoralise the Wales forwards. Many times Clarke kept the ball tied to his bootlaces while Matt Dawson waited and dummied behind a static

scrum. The opportunities for opening the same out seemed obvious.
But then nothing about the game of rugby is obvi-ous, and Jack Rowell cer-tainly denied intent. Asked

sometimes, though. I know we're no angels but it did eem a bit one-sided."
"The referee called it as he saw it," his captain Jonathan Humphreys observed. "There were a couple of if the slow-motion scrum-maging had been part of the over-zealous rucking, but if

'How can you get continuity with people killing the ball?

Still, it served his side's purpose. As did the poor discipline of the visiting forwards, constantly blown up by Ken McCartney, whose first-class perfor-mance added a measure of

lucidity to a difficult

Rather than damaging England's uncertain efforts at constructive play, for a long period in the middle of the match the Welsh for-wards wrecked their own

game plan, the England people are there just to fall manager said: "Not as far on the ball and kill it, that's as I'm concerned, no." what will happen. It stopped us playing our

unsurprisingly, the de-struction of the match as a spectacle, and if it speaks well of the Welsh that their pack could at least unsettle their English counterparts, then it must be a matter of concern to Rowell that his own forwards, some of them highly experienced. Carling was saying before

"Their heads were down at the end because they knew they could have done better. We've got to break out of this syndrome. The training's good, the game plan we aspire to is good — and it's not mine, it's the whole squad's. But when we were 21-8 up we let

us all the way."

A win is a win, of course, and afterwards the relief was visible among the England party. "In the Five Nations," Clarke said, "it's were forced to abandon the opening match. But their strategy and impro-

Jeremy Alexander sees a Coltish headline-maker come back to earth with a bang



to join the England training squad; the next he was too young to play for North Under-21 against Midlands at his local club, Otley. Rugby's great transition can be con-fusing to young and old.

reason was that England Colts (an Under-19 selection) took precedence, so Sampson's roller-coaster moved from Twickenham --or at least Strawberry Hill to the edge of a Wolverhampton housing estate yesterday. The day after 21 of his new squad-mates enjoyed the ini-tially warm roar of 70,000 and socks that would have

Even Sampson feels the loneliness of an England wing ONE weekend Paul Samp | against Wales, the Leeds boy | flattered a pub side. But they | with overlap and scissors, to son was old enough at 18 | was at the RFU's centre for | were hard and drilled and, | set up a thrilling try. schools and youth, Castle-croft, for a training match belike their seniors, unable to sustain a swift flow of sponta fore a quorum of buffers and kin in the freezing dank. never there? It was a game of two halves

In the first, he was full-back and busy in attack. In the second, after multiple changes, he was right-wing and learned the inactivity that can effectively sideline an England flier. One pounc-ing tackle from behind was his lot though that sufficed to confirm his electric speed. The team wore bottle-green

neity. So, is it coached out or Sampson was instinctively adventurous but was caught five times in possession, once

with a man outside; at least Catt got his pass off to Underwood on Saturday. Sampson also missed four kicks out of five at goal and a touch-finder to boot. Some-

thing rubbed off from his seniors, though, as it took him 40 minutes to get a pass with a hotch-potch of shorts away. Then he gave two in a and Hamlet after Carling.

set up a thrilling try.
The Colts. building against

the divisions towards four internationals, had viewed England's display. Sampson was puzzled at "what they were trying to do" — if be cannot make it out now, what chance have the coaches in the chain of instructional in the chain of instruction? Jim Robinson. once of Coventry and now the Colts' coach, called it "interesting_diplomatically".

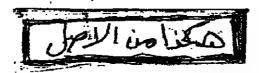
For Sampson, it is one thing after another now in the learning curve: indoor athletics after rugby, and Chaucer

Underwood's debut spoiled

THOUGH Newcastle Gos-forth called on more old internationals than the BBC's panel of experts, they still went down yesterday 20–19 to West Hartlepool.

Tony Underwood looked sharp on his debut; Gary Armstrong enjoyed a lively tussle with Derrick Patter-son; and Rob Andrew kicked three penalties and a drop goal and converted a try set up by the Scotland centre Richard Cramb.

Newcastle took a 19-13 lead, but West won it seven minutes from time when Anthony Elwine put Owen Evans over for a try.



McRae in raptures at Newlove affair

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HAUN McRAE could be forgiven a satisfied mile after watching an impressive cup win at Castleford yesterday.

The former assistant coach of Canberra Raiders was in charge of St Helens for the first time after replacing Eric Hughes, whose contract was not renewed by the Mersey-

Saints inflicted a record home defeat on Castleford and, if that was not sufficiently satisfying to McRae,

for the past two seasons, had Graham Holroyd and

Alan Tait to thank for a

late rally at Swinton that

saw them home 27-22 and

on course for a third Wem-

In the last 16 they will meet Warrington, who beat Oldham 26-4 at snow-cov-ered Watersheddings to give

Leeds leave it late at Swinton

the new management duo of Alex Murphy and John Dorahy a winning start.
The only amateurs left are West Hull, who beat York last week. They will

included in their 10-try haul affilietes in the game and Paul was an impressive hat trick Newlove showed today that by their world-record signing he stands comparison with

The centre was in imperious form and Castleford found it impossible to cope with his strength and guile. He delivered a double-try strike during the first half as St Helens established an early hold on the match, and completed his hat-trick — his first since his £500,000 move from Bradford Bulls — with a try in the 65th minute. He also set up a try for Sullivan in the

34th minute. McRae said: "I have worked

champions Hull KR went down 24-0 to Leigh. Hull's next opponents are Keigh-ley, who led Barrow 10-0 but were held to 12-9. Leigh

will entertain Bradford,

who crushed Batley 60-18.

Longo scoring three tries. Two ties again fell prey to the weather, Workington v

Widnes and Whitehaven v Halifax. Both have been pencilled in for tomorrow night but the forecast is for

he stands comparison with them. He did things which other players cannot and that now has him marked as a world-class player."

St Helens conceded 16 points during the first half but Castleford were unable to score during the second. Although they worked manfully throughout they were never able to cope with the visitors' power, and Saints will not fear the journey to Rochdale in the next round.

McRae's men created five

and Joynt, and the captain Goulding landed four Castleford's response came through tries from Smith, Goddard and Sampson, but in the second half St Helens withstood several determined LEDS, Silk Cut Challenge Cup runners-up winners at Carlisle. Hull overpowered Hunslet 52-18 but the Second Division

first-half tries through Ar-nold, Newlove (two), Sullivan

assaults on their line before fashioning further tries. Northey, Hammond, New-love, Matautia and Prescott all found their way on to the scoresheet, and Goulding went on to convert nine out of 10 kicks at goal.



Centre parting . . . Paul Newlove crashes through to help inflict a record home defeat on Castleford

Hockey

Hat-trick gets Conway off on the right foot for Teddington

NICK CONWAY made the perfect debut for Teddington on Saturday, scoring a hat-trick to help the league champions to a 4-1 win over Firebrands and a place in the HA Cup quarter-finals. Then, yesterday, he scored a pointsaving late goal against the National League challengers

Conway may well prove one of the best signings of the winter for Teddington, whose relegation worries. They

of whom are booked to go down this winter.

Reading, by failing to hold on to a 2-0 lead, missed the chance to overtake Southgate on goal difference. They looked on their way to a handsome victory over a Tedding-ton side at last somewhere near full strength. Ashdown and Osborn put Reading clear in a niggling game but Billson stole in at the far post for Teddington's first goal and then Conway scored from a well-

Another clash involving

ered from being 2-0 down in two minutes and 3-0 behind to level two minutes from

Southeate, who went to the top with their 6-0 win at Bournville on Saturday, stay ahead by two points. They were the only one of the top five to win and their decision to rest Britain's Shaw and Soma Singh was eventually justified by five goals in a 25 minute second-half spell. Old Loughtonians, after

opened up a five-point gap | title contenders also ended in | winners, Jon Molloy snatch-over the bottom six clubs, all | a draw when Guildford recov- | ing four in a 9-0 win over St ing four in a 9-0 win over St Albans, and Havant beat Gymkhana 7–1.

The quarter-finals of the HA Cup are an all-First Div-ision affair and seven of the last eight are from the top nine in the league. Britain's Danny Hall scored

twice in Guildford's 5-2 win over the runaway Second Division leaders Beeston. Ian Pat-tison scored a hat-trick for Havant, who beat Edghaston 4-0, and the British reserve Jason Lee scored two for twice leading, lost 3-2 at East | Loughtonians Grinstead. Surbiton were big over Trojans. Loughtonians in a 3-1

Basketball

Riders only semi-delirious at Waldron's return

Robert Pryce

to Dave Harris. Harris hit the jump shot that would have

sent the game into overtime, in Saturday's 82-68 win over except that the final buzzer the Newcastle Comets. Comhad already sounded. Waldron, Leicester's alltime leading scorer with

more than 4,000 points at over 23 points a game, was released by Leicester last summer without too many thanks. In fact the club even suggested that he had shot too often and passed too rarely But they rather reluctantly had to take him back last week, when they released the American forward Chris

The 34-year-old lefty guard the Manci found his touch straight away last night.

the Newcastle Comets. Com-

ing off the bench with the Riders 14-2 down, he had an assist with his first touch of the ball and a three-pointer with the next. And he led the Riders' scoring with 22 points at Chester last night, but missed two out of three free throws in the last minute.

London beat the last-place Hemel Royals 86-57 to stay top, despite losing at home to Birmingham on Friday. The Sheffield Sharks are two points behind after beating the Manchester Giants 71-68 Snooker

Welsh omens good

Clive Everton

ARK WILLIAMS be-came the first Welsh-man to capture a world-ranking title since Doug Mountjoy won the UK Championship and Mercan-tile Classic back-to-back

seven years ago.
Williams beat the world No. 4 John Parrott 9-3 to win the Welsh Open in front of a full house at the Newport Centre on Saturday evening. The 20-year-old left-hander and started the season 39th in the rankings but stands a pro-visional 12th after taking the £36,000 first prize.

Parrott, winner of the Thai-land Classic in October, was a warm favourite for his second major title of the season but seldom showed his best form. "John was below par all day and that gave me a lot of con-fidence," said Williams. "I won a lot of scrappy frames

and that was vital."

Parrott took some of the sting out of the defeat by travelling down the M4 to beat Malta's Tony Drago 6-5 to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley. The opening match of the

competition provided another encouraging portent for Welsh snooker when Mat-thew Stevens, an 18-year-old

mentor Terry Griffiths 5-3.

Along with Ray Reardon. the new confines himself to the club exhibition circuit. and Mountjoy, who last week accepted a two-year contract as resident coach in the United Arab Emirates, Griffiths made Wales a potent force in the late Seventies and early Eighties. Yesterday he led 3-2 but he

is making more mistakes these days, none more damaging than when he failed to clear after obtaining the snooker he needed in the seventh. Stevens scrambled this crucial 39minute frame on the pink and in the next, starting with an unusual three-cushion double, cleared from yellow to pink for victory.

"It's never easy to win first time out in an arena like this playing someone I knew so well," said Stevens.

Oats stays on for the Hennessy

Chris Hawkins

ASTER OATS and ASTER OF Cure, the British challengers in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, will remain in Ireland this week in the hope that the weather relents and yesterday's abandoned Leopardstown meeting can be staged next Sunday. Kim Bailey, who trains

Master Oats, was on his way to Heathrow when news of the abandonment, due to frost, came through, but his Cheltenham Gold Cup winner flew out on Friday.
"There's no point in him coming back and he'll stay

over and wait for the race," said Bailey. "He won't be able to do much over there, but he's in top form.'

John Edwards will follow a the odds-on Percy Smollett,

similar plan with Monsieur who never really got into the Le Cure, who travelled well and is apparently in A1 condi-

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tion. The rescheduling of the race for next weekend will not affect Jodami, who was found to be coughing on Friday and did not make the trip. He will be out of action for at

least a week. With the Cheltenham Festival just over five weeks away the persistent had weather is beginning to cause concern to trainers and the forecast for the remainder of the week is not encouraging.
Those who took the oppor-

tunity to run at Sandown on Saturday are ahead of the game, however, and some may be rueing that fact that they allowed the Agfa Dia-mond Chase to slip by. Only three went to post for this 230,000-added race.

rack and cannot be the easiest horse to train, but Nicky Hen-derson now intends to send him for the Racing Post Chase at Kempton in which he was brought down last year by none other than One Man. Mick Fitzgerald, who later

completed a double for Henderson on Whattabob, was full of praise for Amtrak Express, saying the horse had given him one of the most ex-hilarating rides of his career.

Young Hustler, racing over an inadequate three miles, performed well enough under 12 stone, matching strides with Amtrak Express for much of the trip, and did his Martell Grand National prospects no harm.

Amtrak Express, the out-A lot of the interest in the Agfa Hurdle evaporated when the promising novice Right Win was withdrawn because of the ground and the eight Bookmakers Handicap lengths victory of Atours told us little more about his following his 1993 success

The winner looks like a hat | Champion Hurdle prospects, rack and cannot be the easiest | Atours, who finished seventh in the Champion last season, is very useful without being absolutely top class and David Elsworth may try him in blinkers in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton — his

next intended race. Alderbrook remains 5-2 favourite for the Champion, with Atours a best priced 10-1 with Coral's, who also make Right Win a 10-1 chance. Dato Star is 16-1 after mak-

ing an impressive winning debut over hurdles at Wetherby. He jumped fluently and easily disposed of 19 rivals, although more than half the field lacked any previous

Atours was the middle leg of a treble for Richard Dunwoody, who also scored on High Baron and Trainglot, the latter winning the Tote Bookmakers Handicap Hur-dle for the second time

GENE WALDRON made quite an entrance on his return to the Leicester Riders on Saturday, but he fell short yesterday in a dramatic last act. And in Budweiser League terms, defeat to the Chester Jets represents a tragedy.

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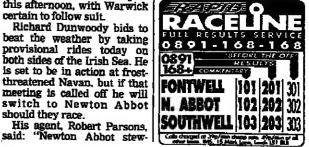
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Premiership: Wimbledon 2, Man Utd 4

Dignified Cantona's state visit

David Lacey

NE year, nine days and a considerable yardage of column sault on a Crystal Palace supporter. Eric Cantona returned to Selhurst Park amid mas sive security. And immedi-ately spat on the pitch.

People do find this offensive. Yet far from causing fresh panlemonium, such a matter-offact, let's get-on-with-it gesture. took the field against Wimble-don, emphasised the normality of the occasion. At the end, United having won 4-2, Can-tonn acknowledged his sup-porters with two brief claps of hands above head and disappeared to leave the forces of law and order wondering if their afternoon had really

The truth of the matter is that Cantona's kung-fu attack on an abusive Palace fan was his first reappearance at Sel-hurst persuaded the cops and jobsworths to seal off the side streets in South Norwood and accord this undistinguished part of Greater London the significance of a state visit.

For the player himself any potential crises had long since ed. At Chelsea last October he had come across Alan Wilde, the referee whose red card had brought him to boiling point and a subsequent reac-quaintance at Coventry with Richard Shaw, the former Palace defender whose tackles ig-nited the fuse, had proved

Saturday's security opera-tion was designed to prevent any trouble-seeking Palace fans infiltrating Wimbledon's weekends such numbers might be better employed rounding up disaffected Palace supporters and frogmarching them to the ground. As to the match, Cantona

gave another of those detached, dispassionate perfor-mances which have left some wondering if his determination not to become involved in more controversy has reduced his effectiveness. As he scored twice, first with a header and then through another of those penalties he keeps in the ice-box, there would appear to be superioded forwards, to expended forwards for expended f

Yes. Cantona is a different player, but United are a difchanged. Ince and Hughes have gone. These days the football does more work than

All right, there was some recently when Butt was sent off and Cole both saw and risked red in his anger at Dicks's tackle, but those moments were out of step with

Commentary that night and especially the On Saturday the French-man showed just why he is unlikely to become embroiled

again with opponents or spec-tators. It is less a question of not looking for trouble than of finding places where trouble would not bother to look.

He is not shirking tackles and is still capable of sticking in a Gallic foot to nick the hall, but his mastery of the art of positional play has never been seen to better effect. De-puted markers such as Talboys usually found themselves marking vacant space.

With Cantona, United could now he said to have the best of both worlds. Giggs, not he. is the team's focal point but the Frenchman's powers of deception and the runs (often no more than strolls) with which he drags defenders out of position are beloing to make the young Welshman an even greater influence.
If Cantona attacks anyone

it will probably be Cole. French exasperation at Cole's failure to understand what is going on around him is grow-ing. For much of the game Cole reconfirmed Kevin Kee-gan as football's salesman of the century. Yet the climbing header with which the striker gave United the lead late in the first half was a touch of class, as was the ball out to Cantona on the left which led met the centre with a shot handled by Cunningham.

Cantona's second goal ended Wimbledon's second atinto a game which had looked beyond them once Perry headed into his own net courtesy of a crafty shove by Keane — as he was aiming to head the ball clear after Beck ham's free-kick had struck the underside of the bar on

In the 68th minute Gayle prodded in Kimble's cross as Wimbledon disturbed a United defence lacking Pallister and further weakened by the early loss of Bruce, who had 14 stitches in a gashed forebead. But within two minutes Cantona had restored United's two-goal lead, heading in at the far post.

ploit the absence of Bruce and Pallister. They also need points, but with the first dethe Premiership this season that is not going to be easy.

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Aston Villa 3, Leeds United 0

Brolin out with the washing

Martin Thorpe

T DEPENDS where you are coming from. Leeds are in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals the FA Cup fourth round and in touch with a tional on the bench and pre-Ucla Cup place in the Pre-mership They would view it as a disappointing season. Aston Villa are also in the

Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, in the FA Cup and in bouch with | Brolin does not do that sort of a Uefa Cup place. They would see this is as peason enough to be paraled through Birming han in an open-top bus hold-ing aloft Brian Little. Levis's feeling of failure

comes from not having a chance of the league title this season, as recent Elland Road tradition expects a decent challenge at least. Villa are also out of the running, but they do not mind. Their main concern this season was avoiding a repeat of April's players making Premiership dance with the drop, any starts, though it perhaps still dance with the drop, any-thing on top was, as the team and coaching staff will now be receiving, a bonus.

haughty as to turn their back on the crumbs of the season. beginning with tomorrow's FA Cup visit to Bolton. Howcover both their form — only one win in their last six league games - and their

Here nine players were missing through injury, sus-pension or that downside of the foreign invasion, international call-ups, with Masinga and Radebe celebrating South Africa's triumph and Yeboah injured playing for Ghana. Of course, as well as inter-

national call-ups there are

also international balls-ups. Having paid Parma £4.5 mil-lion for Tomas Brolin and deon Saturday, Howard Wilkin-

ferred an untried 17-year-old. Brolin and his manager of three months are mutually disenchanted: Wilkinson thing. Brolin was then seen loading the skip on to the team coach after the game. laundry piled upon ignominy opt-out clause at the end of the season and track back to the Continent.

Villa's season now awaits a final flourish to confirm Little's quiet but quite marvellous up, the team has been a model of familiarity with only 14 needs a crack goalscorer to link with Dwight Yorke, whose two goals on Saturday took his season's total to 14.

Leeds were never in the hunt after Wallace blasted over when clean through early on. Villa scored with their first chance (a diving header from Yorke), their third chance (Yorke's closerange shot) and their first chance of the second half (Wright shooting past

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African Nations' Cup final: South Africa 2. Tunisia 0

Nelson's biggest victory

John Periman in Johannesburg on a win owing something to prayer and a president

rica's victory on Saturday surely gave him final win over Ghana last more pleasure than any of Wednesday many will the other sporting triumphs that he has presided over and helped to inspire. Last year black South Africans reached joyously across a decades-old divide to embrace the World Cupwinning Springboks and the cricketers won friends in beating England. But this triumph in the sport of

the masses has stirred a much deeper pride. "This is my best New Year's present," Mandela said after South Africa's convincing victory in front of 90,000 people packed into the FNB Stadium here. "I never knew our boys could perform this well." videotape of the 3-0 semipinch themselves and say: "Was that really us?"



ment most fans likewise did | Williams . . . two-goal sub

Africa began to approach that level of intensity against a Tunisia side not ELSON MANDELA not know what the team strong enough to dominate the much but South After the players look over the to make winning difficult. Even so, after a succession of chances went begging or were blocked, it needed a man with a sense that this was his day to finish Tuni-

> "My sister-in-law called me this morning and prayed to me over the phone," said the Wolves striker Mark Williams, with less than half an hour left. "Then I knew I would

score today."
Score Williams did, not once but twice in two minutes — the first a header from close range, the second a sweetly struck shot after he was sent away on the counter-attack. While the stadium shool with stomping and singing, the South African defend-

ers saw off a last frantic on-

Neutral observers were mpressed. "South Africa Africa will be a force to reckon with," said Pele, who was among the guests of honour. "But they must organise more games against the world's top

First up looks like being England. South African soccer's new-found pride should lift the match above that often characterises friendlies. One man at least will make sure of that.

"I don't know what President Mandela does," said the midfielder John "Shoes" Moshoeu, "but it really inspires the team when we see that man.

Even if he doesn't say that
much it really gives us a
boost. He is like a father. a

ica, and the Americans have a friend, everything that is major impact on the way you beautiful."

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Liverpool 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0

Multi-millions of talent yield zero net return

IVERPOOL's challenge itaken off after Christmas with the acceleration of Steve Bennett's home-made rocket, floated gently to earth yesterday, leaving Roy Evans's side 11 points adrift of the Premiership leaders and two points behind Manhester United. Star-chasers Collymore and

Fowler, Sheringham and Armstrong have 67 goals been them this season, but Sod's Law ensured that £25 million worth of strikers could not give the watching England coach Terry Venables a single goal, not even when Rush and Rosenthal appeared just before the end.

Shots there were aplenty. and of the five forwards Armstrong emerged clear winner in a breathless game which left both managers disap-pointed with a single point Gerry Francis less so than

"It is an indication of the quality of the performance when I say I am disappointed to come away from Anfield with only a draw," said the "We worked hard in mid-week trying to nullify Liver-

pool's strengths. People allow them to keep the ball, and I wasn't prepared to do that." Indeed it took Liverpool 25 minutes to come to grips with those orders. The pace was hot, the shooting prolific and the defending superb. Spurs' back four can never have worked harder, with Calderwood outstanding and the 34-year-old Mabbutt stretched to

With Ruddock beginning a two-match suspension, Liver and Thomas, on top form at present, in midfield alongside 500th league appearance. Wright it was who gave Tot

tenham their first chance. Finding himself about to collide with the corner flag, he could only clear into the path of Armstrong. The danger was averted, only to threaten again with a superb cross that Sheringham, sliding in, missed by a whisker. Collymore, often winning possession deep, produced

some superbly accurate longrange passing and one crisp shot from Jones's cross.

came and went in exhilarating succession. Armstrong once more seemed certain to score as he took the ball round James only to see it roll into touch.

James also brought off two stunning saves to deny the Tottenham striker, the first a leap to tip over a close-range header and then a diving save of the box.

Liverpool, dangerous to the last, replaced Jones with Rush and in injury time he set up McAteer for a shot that second. Justice had been

Arsenal 1, Coventry City 1

Rioch upbeat

I' IS just as well that Bruce Rioch believes in the power of positive thinking, after a week that cast enough negative vibes to disturb the most self-confident of

managers.

Assailed first by the pen, with speculation based on his still unsigned contract at Highbury, Rioch then suf-fered the unkindest injury cut when he lost his captain Tony Adams for about six weeks has English fighting spirit because of a knee operation.

mixed with skill," said The sequel was an errorflerre Pleimelding, coach of Ivory Coast. "South senal's stuttering Premier-

ship season. With the acting captain Ian Wright for once failing to set a scoring example, Arsenal appear to be faced by a leader-ship crisis both on and off the pitch. But Rioch does not subscribe to this gloomy notion.
The manager has denied any suggestion that he will walk out, even though his contract remains unsigned after seven months and the issue of "job description" effectively his powers at Highbury — appears a major stumbling block.

He remains confident about the outcome, an attitude shaped by his experiences at

Rioch played down the significance of an unsigned contract. "A handshake, a word is as binding for me as any-thing," he insisted. And he was "not niggled" by his lack transfer negotiations. wouldn't have come here if I wasn't happy with it. And no player will come into the club or leave without my say-so."

Arsenal's need for new

blood was pointed up on an afternoon when the goalvic magnificently fulfilled their job description. Sadly for Highbury, Wright did no as his scoring instinct de-serted him; a half-hit penalty ures when confronted only by Coventry's 38-year-old keeper. Whelan was not so waste-

ful, confidently chipping past Seaman for his fifth goal in eight Premiership games since joining Coventry for £2 million. That was simply the cue, 60 seconds later, for Bergkamp to rediscover his superb cross that ended the Dutchman's barren run of eight matches.

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Manchester City 2, Queens Park Rangers 0 | Blackburn Rovers 3, Bolton Wanderers 1. | First Division: Charlton 0, Crystal Palace 0

Phillips has spark of return on goal standard Palace pressed

E IS still down at the end of the Premier ers to see out the season ship's lonely street but safely, and the assured home the Heartbreak Hotel of the First Division is a lot less likely to be opening its door. Not that Alan Ball and his be sure of a welcome anyway. given their late-night high jinks that saw them thrown out of a swish Hampshire hotel prior to last week's draw at Southampton. So there was relief all round

Maine Road after relegation became less of a possibility with the comprehensive defeat of QPR, though it was admittedly against the top flight's worst side and in a match marred by the Premiership's east effective referee.

football, during which City had deservedly gone 2-0 up through maiden goals by Clough and Symons, had passed before Graham Poll decided he had seen enough and began dishing out yellow

cards like a newsagent hand-ing out Lottery tickets. Eleven names eventually went into the book, the QPR went into the book, the QPR substitute Dichio entering twice to be sent off, as proceedings degenerated into a refereeing whistle-fast that ruined the rest of the match.

Eatl. the eternal optimist, did not want to discuss the

standard of officiating, rather to highlight the progress his side had made. The manager reckons he now has the playdebuts of the new signings Clough and Frontzeck sup-

ported that view.

It was, however, the full debut of Martin "Buster" Phillips on the left wing which did most to electrify the Blues. After the slightly built teenager had scorched down the touchline several times and shuddered the inside of the post he put over the 25th. post, he put over the 25th-minute cross which Sommer punched out weakly for Clough to open his account.

Bail, who bought Phillips from one of his old clubs. autumn, had invited the play-er's parents up from the West Country. The only thing was, he did not tell the 19-year-old

he was playing until 90 min-utes before kick-off. "He tust told me to enjoy it and do what you can," Phil-lips said breathlessly. "It was very, very fast, a lot faster than you expect. I enjoyed it but I've never experienced anything like it before." scoress Manabaster City Glough

It was only in the second slaught that produced half of the final that South seven consecutive corners.

S BLACKBURN left the Affeld to the rancous strains of Simply. The Best, Alan Shearer, the striker for whom the Tina Turner hit might have been written, acknowledged the reception for his fourth Premiership hat-trick of the season, collected yet another match ball and said he might give it to his sister.
Shearer's goals took his league tally this season to 24 from 25 matches and he has found the net in every home Premiership match. No player is more difficult to shake off the ball, as the floundering Fairclough found, and his latest haul

rewarded 90 minutes of tire-less endeavour. Blackburn's manager Ray Harford said: "Alan had a tremendous physical presence but I thought the winner was never going to come." That the second and third goals heroics of Branagan behind a shaky defence.

Shearer, hrilliant though he dent contributions of Gal-lacher, back to his best after two years dogged by injury, Bohinen and Berg, whose probing right-wing runs caused consternation.
It ought to have been much worse for Bolton. Shearer

Bohinen hit a post and Shearer and Gellacher forced Branagan into flying saves. Shearer's first, a tap-in, was neutralised by a brave Green

header at the near post from a Curcic cross. The Serb was Bolton's best player so it was a pity that in the 89th minute he was robbed by Sherwood, who crossed for Shearer to seal victory with a firm seal victory with a firm header. There was sympathy neader. There was sympathy too for Branagan, who was not alone in failing to deal with Bohinen's corner six minutes earlier; Shearer—also booked for allegedly taking the mickey out of a linesman—seized on the close-in chance.

Poor Bolton; with 10 minutes left their fans had been singing in anticipation of

Neither side came away unscathed Rioley damaged a hamstring and looks set to miss the Premiership trip to Old Trafford on Saturday, and McGinlay (calf strain) is strug-gling to make Bolton's FA Cup tie against Leeds tomorrow. SCORERS Blackbarn Rovers Shearer 12, 83 and Siminj, Bolton Wandersen

Green (26).

Binekburn Revers: Flowers: Berg.
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Paul Weaver RYSTAL PALACE have

suffered one defeat in 11 games, but working for their chairman Ron Noades appears to be as much fun as appears to be as much fun as a Jim Davidson cabaret.
After this goalless affair a gium Ray Lewington, who is in charge of Palace on a match-to-match besis, gave the clearest sign so far of the pressure he is under. "The chairman is not worried by our commitment," he said "just the way we play. We have had disagreement since day one. .
"His main beef is that I'm

playing the wrong system. But the team I sent out there has my name on it. I shall continue to play the way I want and if he doesn't like it it's up to him. I'm not going to hump it into the box. The players I have here are better suited to playing football." The pressure on Lewington would have been even more

intense if Roger Gifford had awarded Charlton a last-minute penalty, as he clearly should have done. But if television replays exposed the clumsiness of Bruce Dyer's tackle on Paul Mortimer, they also showed three players blocking the referee's view; he was betrayed by his

"Yes, it was a penalty," Lewington conceded Bruce

made a forward's challenge which is why you don't al-ways want to see your front men helping out at the back. He also missed a sitter."

Charlton, seeking a sixth Derby with a game in hand at the top had they capitalised on their second-half superiorin the first half when Charlton's two most creative players, Mortimer and Lee Bowyer, became increasingly estranged from their forward

Charlton in the 70th minute when he cut inside from the right and sent a left-foot drive just wide of the right post. Bowyer, who had an effort cleared off the line by Darren Pitcher in the 33rd minute, created even more problems. The three Palace players booked, Gareth Taylor, Gareth Davies and Dyer, were all cautioned for fouls on Bowyer. Dyer, on the pitch for 15

minutes, had quite a game. "It was an obvious penal-ty." Chariton's manager Alan Curbishley said. "Palace are a strong outfit and they did a good job on us."

Crystal Palece: Martyn, Edworthy. Davies. Roberts, Gordon, Freedman, Houghton, Pitcher. Rodger, Taylor. McKenzie (Dyor, 75).

Gillespie gains wide acclaim

HE conviction that he hadn't got cramp." Newcastle United will not relinquish their hold on the Premierwas further strength ened at around noon on Saturday when Kevin Keegan revealed that Keith Gillespie was back in the team.

Even the most dominant

sides occasionally need good fortune to smooth their progress and, on the day that David Ginola began a three-match ban, the return of his fellow. fellow flank player was a happy coincidence. A thigh ruptured during Newcastle's defeat against Manchester United over Christmas had originally brought estimates of a two-month absence; Gil-lespie has returned in less

than six weeks. The Irishman was far from match fit and his touch was a little hesitant, but when he was taken off on a stretcher with cramp after 68 minutes the ovation that rang out was due recognition of his

THE on-off £6.7 million

striker Faustino Asprilla to Newcastle has been blocked

yesterday and afterwards the Italian club's president Glorgio Pedraneschi said:

"Newcastle maintain that

Park yesterday. At Carrow Road. Ricky Otto's 76th-minute strike gave Bir-

mingham City a 1-1 draw at Norwich; he cancelled out a

goal from Ashley Ward two

the midfielder Vinny Sam-ways from Everton. The

minutes earlier.

transfer of the Colombia

Parma refuse to let Asprilla go

at cut price

by a fitness dispute. Executives of Newcastle and Parma met in Milan it was a matter of how long he would last, said Keegan. I long into Watts, suffered would have been astonished if more than most.

For half an hour Gillespie remained isolated on the left, as if his team-mates had not quite registered his presence. Newcastle's attacks were fed instead through Watson. whose versatility was further revealed with a resourceful display as a downmarket Ginola. One awaits further reve-lations about how as a lad he honed his skills, with bare, chilblained feet, on North

As well as having to con-tend with a well organised Wednesday defence, Newcastle were unsettled by a skiddy pitch and a referee, Paul Danson, whose empathy is with the rulebook rather than the players. In the present cli-mate that should assure him

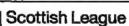
Shields foreshore

of rapid promotion. Wednesday's manager David Pleat considered Danson's performance "awful" and he was not making excuses. "It was not important in the context of the result but duence.
"We knew he wasn't fit, but said. Gillespie, booked for a

At half-time Gillespie switched flanks, at least for as long as it took Newcastle to take the lead. Albert out-jumped Whittingham after Gillespie's corner, and Ferdinand's header from six yards notched his 20th Premiership goal of the season and 100th league goal of his career.

Pleat considered that New-castle had responded "ner-

castle had responded "nervously" after taking the lead.
That could only be explained
by fear of the unknown because Wednesday, especially
after Hirst departed with a
hamstring injury, lacked penetration. Clark's goal deep
into injury time was a true
reflection for Newcastle, who
have won all 13 of their home
league matches. On Typeside they are increasingly confi-dent that they can win the lot.



Partick cross as Gascoigne answers Rangers' prayers

Patrick Glenn

THE suspicion that Paul Gascoigne may yet be worth the £4.3 million Rangers paid Lazio for him last summer edged towards conviction the moment he struck the second of his outstanding goals at Partick

there are problems with As-prilla's knee and so they want a big cut in the price. Gascoigne's interventions Medical reports tell us the in a largely uninspired match — played on a surface which might have stopped Arkle — allowed the champions to retain a one-point lead in the opposite and it was not possible to reach any • Alan McLoughlin's 69thminute goal gave Ports-mouth a 1-0 victory in a Premier Division.

It was ironic that the Eng-land midfielder and his Dan-First Division match against Reading at Elm ish team-mate Brian Laudrup they of the inventive minds and light-stepping, sensitive feet — should be the ones to

thrive in the conditions. Gascoigne's goals were ex-hilarating solo efforts. He carried the ball 40 yards before his first, and played the ball from right foot to left before driving it into the net from 20 yards for the second. doned any idea of signing

van explained: "We would be tween, Thistle's Rod dailies were hardly digested McDonald scored a good goal of his own and was then sent to his wage demands."

In between, Thistle's Rod dailies were hardly digested when McStay scored his first off his own and was then sent off in circumstances that

could apply only in Glasgow. He was cautioned at the inter-val for making the Sign of the Cross as he left the field and later handed a second yellow for a challenge on Brown. Murdo MacLeod, the Firhill

club's manager, hinted that they would appeal against that first caution. "Rod is a religious man and does it every match, entering and leaving the field," said Mac-Leod. "It had nothing to do with Rangers. We see it every week from top players in Italy or in England, but you know what city you're in when a man is booked for it."

The question of whether Tommy Burns is being guided by an unseen Providence was answered by Paul McStay's thundenter realler against His thundering volley against Hi-bernian. Added to Van Hooijdonk's earlier strike, it brought Celtic a victory after Jackson had scored first for Hibs. Burns n

afternoon helping journalists to fill their notebooks with a soaring eulogy of his club captain. The words in Saturday's



West Ham United 1, Nottingham Forest 0

Danny done good on the day

Jeremy Alexander

LL the talk at Upton Park was of Danny. Everyone wanted a sight of what Harry Redknapp called his "lovely left foot". Apparently almost everyone got it. The Super Screen System capped its 90 min-utes of abject nonsense by spinning up an attendance of 212,570. No wonder West Ham can afford so many cheap imports. With Bilec, Dumitrescu and Rieper they are also running a nice little trailer for Euro '96. As for Danny, the boy

midfield, showing an un-usual bounding stride, languid as Brooking's was and as deceptively difficult to knock off the ball. At times ity," said Redknapp.
In a team performance which the manager called

workmanlike, his quick perception consistently caught the eye. In a match which was "too open" for Frank Clark's liking, he relished the ebb, flow and space. In a side which has troubled the Department of Employment more than opposing goalkeepers he was the crative influence which

kept Crossley on red alert. Danny had already had two forceful shots, both conspicuously right-footed, when he played a rare false pass through the middle. Cooper's routine intercep-tion and Slater fired diago-

With no more goals to come, thanks to Cottee's the game seemed to pass misses and Crossley's him by but everything be saves, it was fair resolution did was stamped with class. for an irresolute Forest dis-

"I never doubted his abil- | play. Roy and Silenzi were | noon off. Campbell fought a readily rebuffed, Woan and Gemmill easily disposlone battle and Dowie was hardly out-shone. After 67 minutes Danny head. Potts with his blocks

unveiled his left foot with and Dicks with his zest an unspectacular 15-yard gave Miklosko an after pass an with nine to go he was joined from the bench by Dani da Cruz Carvalho. The Portuguese's cross remains a mystery. He had four touches in a central forward role. The last, a shot from the centre circle which barely reached Crossley on the edge of the area, at least confirmed his ambition. Perhaps the left foot is lovelier without a sock and boot on it.

Danny Williamson, of

JOHANN West Ham United: Miklosko: Brown, Pots, Rieger, Dicks, Skater (Whilbread, B8), Behop, Williamson, Hughes, Conso (Dani, 81), Doeric. Nottingham Forcetz Crossley; Lyttle, Copper, Chettle, Phillips, Gemmili (Hasianc, 89), Bar-Williams, WGan, Stenzi, Campbell, Roy.

Cricket

England look for safety matches

SENGLAND began bed-ding down in Lahore yesterday they were im-mediately covered by a secu-rity blanket amid continuing fears for the safety of teams in the coming World Cup, writes Mark Redding. Armed Pakistani soldiers

have been assigned to protect the players and their manager Raymond Illingworth said: "I keep tripping over a soldier's rifle when I open my hotel room door so I think security is pretty good here."

The real threat is likely to come when England play three of their Group B matches in Peshawar and Karachi where the Foreign Office is warning of civil uprest.

There have been recent bombing incidents in Pesha-United Arab Emirates and Holland on February 18 and 22. But it is Karachi, where they play Pakistan on March 3, that

is giving rise to most concern.
Travel only to Karachi if it is absolutely necessary," the Foreign Office is saying. "A high level of criminal and political violence exists. Con-tinuing sporadic street vio-lence, random daily shootings, occasional rocket and bomb attacks ... prevent Karachi

functioning normally."
In Sri Lanka the fall-out from the bomb outrage in Colombo is continuing, with members of the Zimbabwe team protesting about having to play a Group A game there on February 21.

Zimbabwe are due to arrive in India tomorrow from New one-day international in Napier on Saturday. Their manager Denis Streak said: 'We've said that if we have to play there we will, but some players are not very happy

about going to Colombo."
With the World Cup organiser Pilcom virtually ruling out any prospect of switching matches from Sri Lanka, Australia are expected to announce today whether they will forfeit their opening match on February 17 against the hosts in Colombo.

England will be in Calcutta next Sunday for the World Cup opening reremony, and there will be little love lost between them and New Zeawhen they open the tourna-ment in Ahmedabed.

Mike Atherton's men are 8-1 long-shots to win the World Cup, but Illingworth insisted: "At those odds we must be the best bet in the

Weekend results

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Rugby Union

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Tennis PAN PACIFIC WOMEN'S INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Tokyo): Sensi-finate A Sanchez Wester (Sp) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-4, 5-7, 8-4; I Mingle (Cro) bt M Hingle (Switz) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. Finash Hajoli bt Sanchez Wearlo 6-4, 8-1.

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2, D Martl (Bromley) 1.5, 3.— R Forrest (Burchiedh), J Bennott (Epacent) 150, Long Jamps 1, A Brooks (Hutt) 6.01; 2, V Scholiett (Rotherham) 9.85; 3, J Stokes (Ferrybank) 5.84. Triple jumps 1, M Griffith (Windsor) 13.18; 2, S Anderson (Bromley) 12.81; 2, P Anderson (Glasgow) 12.29, Pote vesset 1, K Staples (Easca); 2, J Winlock (Trailord); 3, L Stanton (Rotherham) 18.72, Shott 1, J Oales (Croydon) 18.57; 2, M Lynor (Essen) 15.56; 3, A Gray (Glasgow) 14.51. Pentabbloss: 1, S Damm (Bromley) 1.51. Pentabbloss: 1, S Damm (Bromley) 1.51. NDOOR MEETING (Sturgarth Mens 60ms; 1, D Ezsiws (Nig) 6.56esc. 200cm; 1, J Hegts (GB) 20.77, 400cm; 1, D Hall (US) 45.69; 1900cm; 1, M Kuptanu (Ken) 3.36 86, 3,000cm; 1, H Gebreolasses (Eth. 7.30.72 (world rect), 60m hardiest 1 Li Tong (China) 7.55; 3, T Jarrett (GB) 7.57. High jamps 1, C Rhoden (Ger) 2.30m; 2, S milli (GB) 2.34 Pote vasatt: 1, M Stole (Ger) 7.10. 400cm; 1, G Brucy (Ger) 5.14, 1,000cm; 1, S Kuehnermund (Gar) 4 12.93, 60m hardiest 1, S Kuehnermund (Gar) 5 Standense 1, Karluld Soptic 2, P Mosuma (Ken) 64, 3, Poarson 56 Wammos: 5.25 hardiest (Rom) 17.05. 2, E Pidatof (Rom) 17.07, S taxediesse 1, Reput 17.07, 17.07, Statesdense 1, Reput 17.07, 17.07, Statesdense 1, Reput 17.07, 17.07, Statesdense 1, Reput 18.07, 17.07, Stat

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WELSH WOMEN'S NATIONAL
LEAGUE: Penarth 3. Newport 0, Pontyprod 3 Lianter 0, Swaresee 5. Newtown 0
Standings' 1. Swanese 13–34; 2. Newtown
12–16; 3. Cardiff 12–14.

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BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier: Basingstok: 4, Newcastle 9, File 3, Sheffield 4;
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Blackburn 9; Dumiries 7; Bracknell 3: Medway 4, Manchester 8, Myrrayfield 2, Swindon 15; Pelsley 13; Guildford 3; Petertorough 6 Soldwig 2 Telford 20, Britingham 8,
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Bullalo 2, Colorado 7, NY Rangers 1, Detool 3, Pitshurgh 0; Chicago 4, San Jose 1;
Pruladeliphia 7, Si Louis 3; Florida 5,
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06 64sec, 2, 3 Realmer (III) 1.07.02; 3, R

Goetschi (Aut) 1.07.05, 4, H Gorg (Ger)
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nitzer (Aut) 1.07.05, Tstradinger 1, Seizinger 465pts; 2, Meissnitzer 354; 3, Erri
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Snooker REGAL WELSH OPEN (Newport): Final: M Williams (Wales) bi J Parrott (Eng) 9-3. BEHSON AND HEDGES MASTERS (Wembley) Wild card play-off risk if Spe-vens (Wales) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-3 Second optimet J Parrett (Eng) bt T Drago (Matta) 6-5.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE Third Divinions Doncaster v Lincoln
FA TROPHY: First-round, second replay: Trovbridge To v Sudbury Tn.
PONTIES LEAGUE: First Liverpool v Sael Wed (? 0); Newcastle v Tranmere (?.0): Welverhampton v Notim Forest. Seconds Leicester v Manelinis (?.0); Hull v Middlesbrough (? 0)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Fivel Divisions Swindom v Millwall (2.0); Ictionham v Chaises.

Iva Majoli won the third and biggest title of her career yes-terday when she crushed Arantza Sanchez Vicario 6-4. 6-1 at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium in the Pan Pa-cific indoor final. The 18-yearutes to add Sanchez Vicario's scalp to that of the top seed feated in the quarter-finals.

top 10 for the first time last October, will continue her rapid rise up the WTA rank-ings. Yesterday's win will take her up to No. 4. It was a good day for the

the first Croatian Indoor and more than a year by beating Cedric Pioline 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Skiing

Katja Seizinger won three events in three days to take Cup standings. "It's been the most successful weekend in my career so far." the Ger-man said yesterday after winning a super-G in Val d'Isère to make sure of a fourth consecutive title in the super-G World Cup. "The way I'm ski-ing at the moment, I feel

Swimming

Denis Pankratov smashed the world short-course 200 metres butterfly record by accident on Saturday, then got the one he was aiming for when he mark in Paris yesterday.

Pankratov, who swims the first 25m length underwater, said before the meeting that his coach had advised him not to attack the 200m record because it would be impolite to do it against the holder Franck Esposito in his own country. "He can break the world record any time he wants." Esposito said. "Denis is an extra-terrestrial."

Table Tennis

Jan-Ove Waldner survived a first-day crisis in Charleroi to win the Europe Top 12 title or the seventh time. The Olympic champion beat Jean-Mi-chel Saive in the final, 19-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-15. The Xialian, a 33-year-old Chinese

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Newcastle keep a firm grip, page 15

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BRITISH WOMEN'S CAPTAIN REGAINS SHARP FORM AFTER 17 MONTHS IN LIMBO



Hanging in there . . . Sally Gunnell, just back from pre-season training in South Africa, tries to keep Scotland's Melanic Neef in her sights

Gunnell back on track for Atlanta

Stephen Bierley in Birmingham on the Olympic gold medallist's return to action

Œ drum-roll of her i dies champion had been unfeet thundering able to defend her world over the two-toned title in Gothenburg after blue boards of the damaging a heel early last National Indoor to piping Sally Gunnell back on board the good ship British Athletics yesterday. Until this weekend she had not raced on a British track for 17 months, and she was understandably apprehensive. notably because she had two rounds of the AAA 400 metres indoor championship to run on Saturday before yester-

The Olympic 400m har-

damaging a heel early last year, an injury which even-Nobody expected her to win here. Indeed, Scotland's Melanie Neef would have been deeply disap-pointed had she failed to take the title. Neef duly won in 52.50sec, beating her own Scottish record,

When Neef went through 200m in 24.74 Gunnell ad-

yet Gunnell's time of 53.07

was

indoors in her first competition of the year. So yester-day's time posted a neon-lit British winter to her Olym-pic rivals: "I'm back."

A spur of bone digging into her Achilles tendon caused all of her problems last year, when she raced only twice. The right heel stiffened up a little on Saturday evening but all was fine vesterday. Suddenly the anxiety was sloughed off and the nerves calmed.

her beyond expectations. "I was very tense on Saturday and worried about mitted to thinking, "Oh my

She will run again in Bir-mingham next weekend at for nobody had expected it. cellent international meet-ing, and after further races in Moscow and Glasgow she will return to South Africa, where she has already had 3% weeks' training this year, as the preparation towards this summer's

Nobody, excepting pre-sumably the man himself, quite knows whether Britain's other reigning Olym-pic track champion will set foot in Atlanta. Linford Christie appears to have lightning playing perma-nently around his head these days, and on Satur-

certain whether this in-jury, effectively a groin strain, will turn out to be a small footnote to the season or a bloody great asterisk to signify the beginning of the end.
Christie's swift recovery

after the world champion-ships, when he blasted to victory in Zurich and Belgium, precludes any real predictions. Time alone will tell, but as omens go these were distinctly unfavourable.

The AAA championships used to be held in an air-craft hangar at RAF Cos-

God, I'm never going to having to run three times hang on to that." But hang on she did.

In 1993, when she won the world title in Stuttgart and set a world record in the process, she ran 53.36 less; the confidence flowed index in her first own.

In the world title in Stuttgart and set a world record in the process, she ran 53.36 less; the confidence flowed index in her first own. gether more in keeping presence of Gunnell and Christie, albeit the latter at the last minute, failed to this occasion the shock was | rouse the good folk of Birmingham, or anywhere

> onships provide a platform for youth, and there were further encouraging per-formances from Nick Buck-field in the pole vault, extending his own indoor record with 5.61m, and from Mark Hylton, who yesterday impressively won the 400m in 46.45.
>
> Ethiopia's Haile Gebrse-

lassie knocked almost five seconds off the world in-door 3,000m record in Stuttgart yesterday, finishing in 7min 30.72sec. Last week he broke the world indoor 5,000m record. Brit-ain's John Regis won the 200m in 20.77.

Set by Crispa

Premiership: Chelsea 5, Middlesbrough 0

Gullit at his best in feast for Chelsea

David Lacey

sea could pass for prospective champions. Certainly they are passing the ball as well as mediate pursuers at the top of

the Premiership. Yesterday Glenn Hoddle's team overwhelmed a Middlesbrough side for whom defending has become a forgotten art. A 5-0 victory extended Chelsea's present run in the league to 12 matches with one defeat and lifted them to eighth place, where they will soon be thinking seriously of the Uefa Cup next season. Middlesbrough, by con-trast, have now lost seven

they lay fourth. Another month like this and fears of an occasional shudder. The pattern of the game was assured once Lee's strong, sweeping passes from the back had begun to open up the flanks, sometimes for Phelan on the left but more

significantly for Petrescu on the right. Middlesbrough found no answer to the timing

six in a row. On December 10

of either the Romanian's passes or his forward runs. passes or his forward runs.

The rest belonged to Gullit, who will always torture demoralised opposition with neither the will nor the wit to deny him space, and to Peacock, who scored his first hattrick in Premiership football and the first by any Chelsea player since Kerry Dixon in May 1990.

Afterwards Hoddle declared the performance Chelsea's best of the season so far: "Everything we've been working at for the last two years is falling into place."
"The lads are still learning

in this league," said Bryan Robson, whose interest in another Brazilian, Branco, does not seem entirely present needs.



Peacock . . . hat-trick

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A crop of injuries, the latest keeping Juninho out of the side, have contributed to Middlesbrough's decline. Yet only Hughes and Wise but Du-berry, their fast-maturing young centre-back who was

also suspended.
In attack Middlesbrough were much as they had been before Juninho's arrival, with Barmby and Hignett, starting his first Premiership match for three months, supporting Fjortoft. This part of their game occasionally worked well, with Fjortoft drawing some sharp saves from Hitch-cock, the best shortly before goalkeeper turned a dipping 25-yard shot over the bar. But by the time Wilkinson, who had replaced Fjortoft, hit a post in the 89th minute Middesbrough's day was done.

The fact that Chelsea's first hour should not have been allowed was scant consolation for Robson and his players. Yet Gullit was plainly offside and obstructing Walsh's view as the defence pushed out after Fjortoft had cleared Lee's corner. Peacock's mis-hit volley bounced past the unsighted goalkeeper, the goal stood, and was soon fol-lowed by two more.

After 31 minutes Spencer scurried through a gap to gather Petrescu's astutely 38th minute Gullit found the busy Spencer in space on the right and surged through for the return before setting up a he might easily have scored

second half a wonderful pass from Gullit once more ex-posed the Middlesbrough defence to Petrescu. This time he crossed for Furlong to control the ball with a touch of his left foot before scoring resoundingly with his right. Peacock's third, the result of more clever play by Petrescu and Spencer, followed two minutes later.

Middlesbrough faced the Premiership's heaviest defeat of the season but Chelsea were merciful thereafter. Not for a long time has the future at Stamford Bridge appeared so cloudless, on the pitch anyway.

Chalses Hichcock; Sinclair (Johnsen, 79min), Lee, Clarke, Patrescu, Guilli, Newton, Peacock, Phelan, Spencer (Morris, 70), Furlong, Middlesbrough: Walsh: Cox, Vickers, Pearson, Morris, O'Halloran, Liddle, Blackmore Hignett, Barmby, Fjorlott (Willinson, 60).

Referees K Cooper (Pontypridd) More soccer, page 14

Seve hints and **Woosnam wins**

Europe's Ryder Cup morale saw Severiano Ballesteros hint at an imminent announcement that he will captain the team at Valderrama next year, and Ian Woosnam win his second tournament in a row, the Heineken Classic in Perth.

Speaking at his home course of Pedrena on the Costa del Sol, the 38-year-old Spaniard, who makes no secret of his desire to succeed Bernard Gallacher, said: "Everyone has asked me to be captain. The Ryder Cup committee have talked to me about it. My problem is that I want to be a player, but if I am not playing well then I will not play, simple as that."

The Ryder Cup's last playing captain was Arnold Palmer in 1963, but Tom Kite, already named as Lanny Wadkins's successor for the United States, has expressed the same wish as Ballesteros. Off-course team managers could answer

GOOD weekend for some of the problems.
Europe's Ryder Cup An occasional beer with morale saw Severiano friends, meanwhile, seems to be helping Woosnam forget his back trouble and recap-ture the form that brought him the 1991 US Masters title. Winner of last week's John-nie Walker Classic in Singa-pore, the Welshman birdied the final hole at Perth yester-day to take the Heineken

Classic by one stroke from Paul McGinley of Ireland and Jean Van de Velde of France. "The past two weeks make up for the last 12 months," said Woosnam, whose Sings pore win was his first for 16 months. His final round of 72 ies, two bogeys and a double bogey, but good enough to clinch his 29th tournament

win, worth (£90,000). John Daly, who had shared the third-round lead with Woosnam, fell away with a 76 America's British Open cham plon left his driver in the bag throughout the four rounds.

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dogged (7) 9 Many long to find a hideaway (5)

10 Share around aid as arranged, beaming (9) 11 A story with point for members of the family (9) 12 Appearing before the court with no list (5)

13 Fellow-workers formed into teams (5) 15 A director wants modern furniture (9)

18 Awfully inert characters put inside—in prison—get fit (9) 19 Accommodation offered in the Forsyte Segs (2,3)

21 Turner left two articles behind (5) 23 Whisky and sack followed by 25 Criticise the players and

26 Deceptive aspect of an old French town (5) 27 Stones used for roofing (7) 28 Showing endless disple in an explosive line (7)

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Kenya (5)

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smashing! (9) 16 Check a little guy's cleaning

17 A game swimmer encom-pesses it with some strain (9) 18 Steps taken about two-

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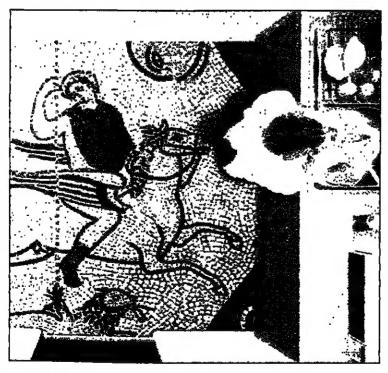
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24 It's comic on such transport (5)

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Sarah, 28, and her boyfriend have a hook in their house to which they tie each other up. "I dress up in a rubber dress, thigh boots, red lipstick. I love it: it shows I'm strong and sexy."

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